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# MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY

HELD AT

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WITH AN APPENDIX.

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MINUTES  
OF THE  
SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION  
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SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

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The Synod of New Jersey met, pursuant to adjournment, Monday, October 15, 1888, at 3 o'clock P.M. in Educational Hall, Asbury Park, on Monday, October 15th, 1888, at 3 o'clock P.M.

After devotional services, which, in the absence of the Moderator on account of illness, were conducted by Rev. William Thomson, the last Moderator present, the Synod listened to a sermon by Rev. George Macloskie, LL.D., from Daniel 1 : 8.

After the sermon the Synod was constituted with prayer.

The roll was called, and the following members were found to be present :

Presbytery of Corisco.

[None.]

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Presbytery of Elizabeth.

MINISTERS.

E. H. REINHART (2),  
E. KEMPSHALL, D.D.,  
J. A. BLAUVELT,  
K. P. KETCHAM, D.D.,  
HUGH SMYTHE,  
SAMUEL PARRY,  
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J. A. LIGGETT, D.D.,  
W. E. HONEYMAN,  
JOHN W. TEAL, D.D.,  
CHAS. S. CONVERSE,  
WILLIAM R. RICHARDS,

EBEN B. COBB,	SAMUEL J. ROWLAND (2),
JAMES H. OWENS,	JOHN T. KERR,
GEORGE F. GREENE,	WILLIAM HOPPAUGH.
Total, 20.	

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## RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
WHITFIELD DUNHAM, . . . . .	Clinton.
E. T. ELLS, . . . . .	Cranford.
BRACE HOPKINS, . . . . .	Elizabeth, First.
CHARLES ROMMEL, . . . . .	Elizabeth, Second.
RUSSELL W. WOODWARD, . . . . .	Elizabeth, Third.
R. S. T. CISELL, . . . . .	Elizabeth, Westminster.
ROBERT CRAIG, . . . . .	Lamington.
AUG. BLACKFORD (2), . . . . .	Metuchen.
C. C. PEIRSON (2), . . . . .	Perth Amboy.
ISRAEL C. PIERSON, . . . . .	Plainfield, Crescent Ave.
ANDREW M. WORTMAN, . . . . .	Pluckamin.
C. R. OLIVER, . . . . .	Rahway, First.
EDGAR QUACKENBUSH, . . . . .	Roselle.
E. M. PIERSON (2), . . . . .	Westfield.
THOMAS H. MORRIS, . . . . .	Woodbridge.
Total, 15.	

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## Presbytery of Jersey City.

## MINISTERS.

CHAS. K. IMBRIE, D.D.,	ALEX. MCKELVEY (2),
JOHN B. KUGLER,	CHAS. D. SHAW, D.D.,
O. A. KINGSBURY,	HENRY M. BOOTH, D.D.,
P. F. LEAVENS, D.D.,	G. R. GARRETSON,
I. W. HATHAWAY,	CHARLES HERR (3).
Total, 10.	

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## RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
HENRY JONES, . . . . .	Englewood.
CHARLES A. DE WITT, . . . . .	Jersey City, Bergen, First.
JOHN B. PUDNEY, . . . . .	Passaic.
Total, 3.	

## Presbytery of Monmouth

## MINISTERS.

BENJ. T. PHILLIPS,	THADDEUS WILSON,
A. H. DASHIELL,	F. T. BROWN, D.D. (2),
J. G. SYMMES, D.D.,	F. R. HARBAUGH,
BENJ. S. EVERITT,	J. S. VAN DYKE, D.D.,
E. B. HODGE,	B. S. FOSTER (2),
CHAS. S. NEWHALL,	GEORGE SWAIN, D.D. (2),
CHAS. H. MCCLELLAN (2),	S. W. KNIPE (2),
JAMES M. DENTON,	THOMAS TYACK,
O. A. KERR (2),	R. C. HALLECK, PH.D.
H. G. SMITH,	Total, 19.

## RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
HENRY R. TAYLOR, . . . . .	Allentown.
L. LE CHEVALIER, . . . . .	Asbury Park.
HUGH B. ELY (2), . . . . .	Beverly.
ALEX. J. STULTS, . . . . .	Cranbury, First.
D. C. LEWIS, . . . . .	Cranbury, Second.
ANDREW PERRINE, . . . . .	Freehold.
SERING SHANGLE, . . . . .	Hightstown.
IRA OTTERSON, . . . . .	Jamesburg.
S. F. BLACKMAN (2), . . . . .	Lakewood.
M. H. HOUGHTON, . . . . .	Long Branch.
LEWIS PIERCE, . . . . .	Manasquan.
DANIEL HARVEY (2), . . . . .	Oceanic.
HENRY A. BENNETT, M.D. (2), . . . . .	Point Pleasant.
JAMES STEEN, . . . . .	Shrewsbury.
J. M. QUACKENBUSH, . . . . .	Tennent.
CHAS. H. CHAMBERS, . . . . .	Toms River.
	Total, 16.

## Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

## MINISTERS.

JOHN CROWELL, D.D.,	B. C. MEGIE, D.D.,
OLIVER CRANE, D.D.,	THEO. F. WHITE, D.D.,
HENRY M. STORRS, D.D.,	O. H. PERRY DEYO,
JAMES F. BREWSTER,	HENRY F. HICKOK, D.D.,
ALFRED YEOMANS, D.D.,	ALBERT ERDMAN, D.D.,
THOMAS CARTER,	JOHN H. SCOFIELD,
JOHN R. FISHER,	W. W. HALLOWAY, JR.,

JAS. A. FERGUSON,  
 W. F. WHITAKER,  
 GEORGE S. WEBSTER,  
 JAMES CARTER (2),  
 JOHN RUTHERFORD,  
 JOHN MACNAUGHTON,

PEARCE RODGERS,  
 DAVID O. IRVING,  
 A. CUSHING DILL (2),  
 THEO. F. CHAMBERS,  
 STANLEY WHITE,  
 ALBERT WILLIAMS.

Total, 26.

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### RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
A. B. SPINNING (2), . . . . .	Bethel.
HUDSON MUCHMORE (2), . . . . .	Chatham.
EDWIN J. ROSS (2), . . . . .	Dover.
FRED. HOFFMAN, . . . . .	Fairmount.
GEORGE COOK, . . . . .	Hanover.
AARON CARTNEY, JR. (2), . . . . .	Hillside.
JEREMIAH BAKER, . . . . .	Madison.
JOHN M. CRANE, . . . . .	Mendham, First.
N B. THOMPSON, . . . . .	Mendham, Second.
MALACHI BATH, . . . . .	Mine Hill.
E. T. CASKEY, . . . . .	Morristown, First.
PHILIP H. HOFFMAN, . . . . .	Morristown, South Street.
ROBERT D. CASKEY (2), . . . . .	Mount Olive.
EDWARD H. WILLIAMS, . . . . .	Orange, First.
JAMES S. BAKER, . . . . .	Orange, Second.
DAVID L. WALLACE, . . . . .	Orange, Central.
W. W. MARSH, . . . . .	Schooley's Mountain.
J. B. MAXWELL, . . . . .	South Orange.
H. E. SIMMONS, . . . . .	Summit.

Total, 19.

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### Presbytery of Newark.

#### MINISTERS.

JAMES P. WILSON, D.D. (2),	WM. T. FINDLEY, D.D.,
E. R. CRAVEN, D.D.,	WM. F. JUNKIN, D.D.
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H. W. BALLANTINE,	CHARLES E. KNOX, D.D. (2),
DAVID R. FRAZER, D.D.,	ALBERT F. LYLE (2),
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EDWARD SCOFIELD (2),	J. R. HENDERSON,
ISAAC H. POLHEMUS,	DAVIS W. LUSK (2),
FORD C. OTTMAN,	J. G. HAMNER, JR.
ORVILLE REED,	Total, 19.

## RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
THOMAS MCGOWAN, . . . . .	Bloomfield.
FRED. W. C. CRANE, . . . . .	Lyons Farms.
MALCOLM H. SMITH, . . . . .	Montclair.
E. F. DORRANCE, . . . . .	Newark, Calvary.
W. S. HARTSHORNE, . . . . .	Newark, First.
JOS. D. HARRISON, . . . . .	Newark, Second.
ROBERT S. GRUMMON, . . . . .	Newark, Third.
JOB HAINES, . . . . .	Newark, Sixth.
JOHN L. MEEKER, . . . . .	Newark, High St.
J. S. SCHAEFFER (2), . . . . .	Newark, Memorial.
ELIAS F. MORROW, . . . . .	Newark, Park.
ARCHIBALD PARKHURST (2), . . . . .	Newark, South Park.
Total, 12.	

## Presbytery of New Brunswick.

## MINISTERS.

ABRAHAM GOSMAN, D.D.,	S. M. HAMILL, D.D. (2),
GEORGE S. MOTT, D.D.,	AMZI L. ARMSTRONG,
WILLIAM <sup>J</sup> . MCKNIGHT, D.D.,	S. M. STUDDIFORD, D.D.,
GEORGE MACLOSIE, LL.D.,	H. C. CAMERON, D.D.,
FRANCIS L. PATTON, D.D. (2),	CHAS. P. GLOVER,
DANIEL R. FOSTER,	THOMAS S. LONG,
WILLIAM SWAN,	WILLIAM H. FILSON,
JOHN DIXON,	WALTER A. BROOKS,
JOHN H. SALISBURY,	E. K. DONALDSON,
H. B. MACCAULEY,	H. D. SASSAMAN,
JAMES B. MACCOOL (2),	HARRISON CLARKE,
W. H. WOOLVERTON,	DAVID WILLS, JR.
EDWARD SNYDER,	Total, 25.

## RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
A. J. PRALL, . . . . .	Amwell, First.
JOS. M. QUICK, . . . . .	Amwell, Second.
W. W. FISHER, . . . . .	Amwell, United First.
A. S. CORIELL, . . . . .	Bound Brook.
LEWIS ROWLAND, . . . . .	Dayton.
A. J. DUNCAN, . . . . .	Dutch Neck.
ELIAS VOSSELLER (2), . . . . .	Flemington.
WM. H. SHARP (2), . . . . .	Hamilton Square,

A. T. STOUT, . . . . .	Kingston.
PETER DAVIS, . . . . .	Lawrence.
FRANK L. JANEWAY, . . . . .	New Brunswick, First.
W. H. MUIRHEID, . . . . .	Pennington.
HENRY E. HALE, . . . . .	Princeton, First.
DAVID LAWSHE (2), . . . . .	Stockton.
WILLIAM J. OWENS, . . . . .	Trenton, First.
LEVI DYE, . . . . .	Trenton, Third.
R. L. HUTCHINSON, . . . . .	Trenton, Fourth.
JOS. B. WRIGHT, . . . . .	Trenton, Prospect Street.
Total, 18.	

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Presbytery of Newton.

MINISTERS.

S. W. BOARDMAN, D.D.,	GEORGE W. LLOYD,
F. R. S. HUNSICKER, D.D.,	WILLIAM THOMSON,
CHAS. D. NOTT, D.D. (2),	R. HAMILL DAVIS, PH.D.,
E. CLARK CLINE,	JOHN C. CLYDE, D.D.,
ROBERT A. BRYANT,	THORNTON A. MILLS (3),
E. W. BROWN.	Total, 11.

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RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
JOHN M. BRITAIN, . . . . .	Asbury.
J. C. JOHNSON, M.D. (2), . . . . .	Blairstown.
A. G. CREVELING, . . . . .	Bloomsbury.
J. D. FLOCK, . . . . .	Hackettstown.
T. DEWITT, . . . . .	Harmony.
DAVID R. HULL, . . . . .	Newton.
J. W. CLINE, . . . . .	Stewartsville.
A. W. WELLER, . . . . .	Washington.
Total, 8.	

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Presbytery of West Jersey.

MINISTERS.

F. D. HARRIS,	JOHN EWING, D.D.,
A. H. BROWN,	WM. AIKMAN, D.D. (2),
HENRY REEVES, PH.D.,	A. P. BOTSFORD,
A. J. SNYDER,	H. E. THOMAS.
F. R. BRACE,	B. P. JOHNSON,
W. H. BELDEN (2),	JOHN E. PETERS.

GEO. W. TOMSON,  
H. L. JANEWAY (2),  
S. W. BEACH,  
R. P. COBB,  
FRANK R. SYMMES,

WILLIAM BOYD.  
W. V. LOUDERBAUGH,  
R. H. BENT,  
M. A. BROWNSON,  
Total, 21.

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### RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
EDGAR J. RILEY, . . . . .	Bridgeton, First.
G. R. VOGELS, . . . . .	Camden, First.
REUBEN F. BANCROFT, . . . . .	Camden, Second.
HENRY HOWELL, . . . . .	Cedarville.
DAVID PARIS, . . . . .	Deerfield.
BENJ. R. KELTY, . . . . .	Salem.
SMITH SHEPHERD, . . . . .	Greenwich.
	Total, 7.

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### CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

REV. N. L. UPHAM, Synod of Pennsylvania.  
REV. EDWARD WEBB, Synod of Pennsylvania.  
REV. W. SCOTT STITES, Synod of Pennsylvania.  
REV. D. McLAREN, D.D., Synod of New York.  
REV. ERSKINE N. WHITE, D.D., Synod of New York.  
REV. C. A. YOUNG, Synod of New York.  
REV. R. A. BLACKFORD, Synod of New York.  
REV. ALEX. W. SPROULL, Synod of Atlantic.  
REV. G. R. ALDEN, Synod of Ohio.  
REV. HENRY R. BELTING, N. J. Conference of M. E. Church.  
REV. A. E. BALLARD, N. J. Conference of M. E. Church.  
REV. GEO. C. MATLACK, N. J. Conference of M. E. Church.  
REV. N. A. McNICOL, N. J. Conference of M. E. Church.  
REV. B. D. COLBY, New Jersey Baptist Association.  
Total, 14.

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### SUMMARY.

MINISTERS, . . . . .	151
RULING ELDERS, . . . . .	98
CORRESPONDING MEMBERS, . . . . .	14
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Total, . . . . .	263

Officers elected.

Rev. Kneeland P. Ketcham, D.D., of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, was elected Moderator.

Rev. Benjamin S. Everitt, of the Presbytery of Monmouth, was elected to act as Stated Clerk *pro tem*.

Rev. William F. Whitaker, of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, was elected Temporary Clerk.

Committee on Stated Clerk.

A Committee, composed of one member from each Presbytery, was appointed to prepare and report a minute upon the death of Rev. Jesse B. Davis, D.D., the Stated Clerk of the Synod, and to nominate a successor.

The Moderator subsequently announced the Committee as follows: Rev. Eben B. Cobb, of Elizabeth; Rev. Charles D. Shaw, D.D., of Jersey City; Rev. Joseph G. Symmes, D.D., of Monmouth; Rev. Theodore F. White, D.D., of Morris and Orange; Rev. Henry W. Ballantine, of Newark; Rev. Samuel M. Studdiford, D.D., of New Brunswick; Rev. E. Clarke Cline, of Newton; Rev. Allen H. Brown, of West Jersey.

Committee on Treasurer's Accounts.

Ruling Elders R. S. T. Cissell and Israel C. Pierson were appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of the late Treasurer, Rev. Jesse B. Davis, D.D.

Arrangements.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report recommending—

*First.* That the sessions of Synod commence each morning at 9 o'clock; that a recess be taken at 12 M.; that the Synod convene at 2 P.M. and take a recess at 5 P.M., and that the evening sessions begin at 7:30 o'clock.

*Second.* That the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered on Monday evening; that Rev. Henry M. Booth, D.D., preside; that Rev. James S. Dennis, D.D., administer the bread; that Rev. John W. Teal, D.D., administer the cup; and that the following Ruling Elders assist in the distribution of the elements, viz.: Jeremiah Baker, David R. Hull, Job Haines, C. R. Oliver, Ira Otterson, L. Le Chevalier, John B. Pudney, R. S. T. Cissel, James S. Baker, Levi Dye, Reuben F. Bancroft, A. J. Prall.

*Third.* That after the opening of Synod on Tuesday morning Rev. Elijah R. Craven, D.D., be allowed opportunity for an address on behalf of the Board of Publication and Sabbath-school Work.

*Fourth.* That it be the order of the day, on Tuesday, at 10:30 A.M., to hear the report of the Committee on Synodical Home



Missions ; and that the devotional service of the morning be given to this subject.

*Fifth.* That the Committee on Systematic Beneficence be heard on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

*Sixth.* That a popular service be held on Tuesday evening, at which Rev. James S. Dennis, D.D., of Syria, shall speak upon Foreign Missions ; Rev. Erskine N. White, D.D., upon Church Erection, and Rev. Hervey D. Ganse, D.D., upon Aid for Colleges and Academies.

*Seventh.* That the last half hour of each morning session be devoted to devotional exercises.

The report of the Committee was accepted and its recommendations were adopted.

The Synod took a recess until 7:30 P.M.

Recess.

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MONDAY, 7:30 P. M. Monday, 7:30

The Synod re-assembled, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Lord's Supper. Supper was administered as previously ordered.

At the close of this service the Moderator announced Rev. Vice-Moderator  
and Standing  
Committees. Edward B. Hodge as Vice-Moderator, and the following Standing Committees :

#### I—ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.

REV. GEORGE S. MOTT, D.D.,  
REV. WILLIAM R. RICHARDS,  
REV. THOMAS CARTER,  
REV. WILLIAM BOYD,  
RULING ELDER DAVID R. HULL,  
RULING ELDER HENRY R. TAYLOR,  
RULING ELDER HENRY E. SIMMONS.

#### II—JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.

REV. JOHN W. TEAL, D.D.,  
REV. JOHN B. KUGLER,  
REV. WILLIAM J. MCKNIGHT, D.D.,  
REV. SAMUEL W. BOARDMAN, D.D.,  
RULING ELDER JAMES STEEN,  
RULING ELDER FRANK L. JANEWAY,  
RULING ELDER JOHN L. MEEKER

## III—ON MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

REV. ISAIAH B. HOPWOOD,  
 REV. ABRAHAM GOSMAN, D.D.,  
 RULING ELDER J. B. MAXWELL.

## IV—ON THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION FOR 1889.

REV. WILLIAM SWAN,  
 REV. JOSEPH M. McNULTY, D.D.,  
 RULING ELDER HENRY JONES.

## V—FINANCE COMMITTEE.

RULING ELDER R. S. T. CISSEL,  
 RULING ELDER ISRAEL C. PIERSON,

## VI—ON PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.

Corisco—Rev. Philo F. Leavens, D.D., Rev. John C. Clyde, D.D., Ruling Elder John M. Crane.

Elizabeth—Rev. Henry W. Ballantine, Rev. John H. Scofield, Ruling Elder Chas. A. De Witt.

Jersey City—Rev. Daniel R. Foster, Rev. Robert C. Halleck, Ph.D., Ruling Elder Robert Craig.

Monmouth—Rev. Henry F. Hickok, D.D., Rev. Samuel Parry, Ruling Elder Malcolm H. Smith.

Morris and Orange—Rev. William Thompson, Rev. Marcus A. Brownson, Ruling Elder Ira Otterson.

Newark—Rev. Henry M. Storrs, D.D., Rev. Thomas S. Long, Ruling Elder Chas. H. Chambers.

New Brunswick—Rev. Hugh Smythe, Rev. William W. Halloway, Jr., Ruling Elder Joseph D. Harrison.

Newton—Rev. Amzi L. Armstrong, Rev. Oliver A. Kingsbury, Ruling Elder C. R. Oliver.

West Jersey—Rev. Everard Kempshall, D.D., Rev. Alfred H. Dashiell, Ruling Elder Andrew Perrine.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned to meet on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

The session closed with prayer and the benediction.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH. Tuesday, October 16.

The Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A.M., and, after prayer, proceeded to the business of the day.

The minutes of Monday's sessions were read, amended Minutes. and approved.

The Committee of Arrangements made a supplementary Arrangements. report, recommending :

1. That Rev. Erskine N. White, D.D., be heard on behalf of Church Election, on Tuesday morning, after the address of Rev. Elijah R. Craven, D.D.

2. That Rev. Alexander W. Sproull be heard in behalf of Home Missions, on Tuesday evening, in the place of Rev. Erskine N. White, D.D.

3. That Rev. A. E. Ballard be heard for five minutes in behalf of the work of the Church Commission on Temperance, after the address of Rev. Erskine N. White, D.D.

The report was accepted, and the recommendations were adopted.

Sundry papers in the hands of the Stated Clerk *pro tem.* Papers referred. were referred to the appropriate committees.

It was resolved that Synod appoint that the Necrological Necrological Report. Report be read at the close of the celebration of the Lord's Supper, on the first evening of the sessions of Synod.

Rev. Elijah R. Craven, D.D., addressed the Synod with Addresses. reference to the work of the Board of Publication and Sabbath-school Work. Rev. Erskine N. White, D.D., addressed the Synod with reference to the work of the Board of Church Election. Rev. A. E. Ballard addressed the Synod with reference to the work in behalf of Temperance of the Church Commission of the State.

The records of the Presbytery of Newark and of the Records approved. Presbytery of Jersey City were approved.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Synodical Home Missions. Home Missions was presented by the Rev. John Dixon. It was accepted, and subsequently its recommendations were adopted, as follows :

1. That Synod acknowledges its obligation to Elmer Ewing Green, Esq., for his services as Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions, and extends to him its hearty thanks.

2. That Mr. Green be re-elected to serve as Treasurer during the ensuing year.

3. That Synod undertake to raise during this year the sum of \$13,057, apportioned as follows :

Presbytery of Elizabeth, . . . . .	\$2,128
“ Jersey City, . . . . .	1,149
“ Monmouth, . . . . .	1,012
“ Morris and Orange, . . . . .	2,173
“ Newark, . . . . .	2,266
“ New Brunswick, . . . . .	2,143
“ Newton, . . . . .	1,100
“ West Jersey, . . . . .	1,086

4. That allotments be made to Presbyteries as follows :

Presbytery of Elizabeth, . . . . .	\$300
“ Jersey City, . . . . .	2,050
“ Monmouth, . . . . .	3,600
“ Morris and Orange, . . . . .	1,350
“ Newark, . . . . .	800
“ New Brunswick, . . . . .	500
“ Newton, . . . . .	800
“ West Jersey, . . . . .	3,600

The report was ordered printed in the Appendix.

Treasurer of  
Synodical Home  
Missions.

The report of the Treasurer for Synodical Home Missions was presented and accepted. The accounts and vouchers were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Devotional exer-  
cises.

A half hour was spent in devotional services, with special reference to the work of Synodical Home Missions.

Committee on  
Next Place of  
Meeting.

The Moderator announced as the Committee upon the Place of Next Meeting: Rev. Abraham Gosman, D.D., Rev. Henry Reeves, Ph.D., Ruling Elder James S. Baker.

Recess.

The Synod took a recess until 2 P.M.

Tuesday, 2 P.M.

TUESDAY, 2 P.M.

The Synod re-assembled, and proceeded to business.

Bills and Over-  
tures.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made a partial report :

Synod of Brazil.

In response to the action of the Synod of Brazil, assembled September 7th, 1888, asking that the brethren commissioned by the last General Assembly to be present at the organization of that Synod, have the opportunity to represent that Synod before the Synods of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania,

the Committee recommend that Rev. Charles E. Knox, D.D., one of these representatives, be heard on Tuesday evening, after Rev. James S. Dennis, D.D.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

The eleventh annual report of the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions was presented, and referred to the following special Committee: Rev. James H. Owens, Rev. Henry G. Smith, Ruling Elder W. W. Marsh.

The annual report of the Woman's Synodical Society for Foreign Missions, and the report of the annual meeting of this Society, were presented, and ordered printed in the Appendix.\*

The report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. Abraham Gosman, D.D. It was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

The Special Committee appointed to prepare a minute upon the death of Rev. Jesse B. Davis, D.D., Stated Clerk of the Synod, presented the following minute, which was adopted:

1. This Synod has heard with sorrow of the death of our dear brother, Rev. Jesse B. Davis, D.D., who quietly "fell on sleep" on the 7th day of February, 1888. He had been our Stated Clerk for more than thirteen years, and we desire to put upon record our testimony to the fidelity, intelligence, zeal and courtesy with which he has performed the exacting and laborious duties of this office.

2. We rejoice in the beautiful record of his personal character, and in the faithful and successful work performed by him in the pastoral office, and we give thanks to God for the peaceful end of a righteous man.

3. We recommend that the Stated Clerk be directed to send a copy of this minute to the family of our departed brother, with assurance of our sympathy with them in their sorrow.

The same Committee nominated for the office of Stated Clerk, Rev. Walter A. Brooks, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick. There being no other nomination, the Temporary Clerk was directed to cast the ballot of the Synod

\*All papers printed by order of Synod will be found in the Appendix, though such order is not recorded in each particular case.

for Rev. Walter A. Brooks. Mr. Brooks was elected Stated Clerk and assumed the duties of the office.

Historical materials.

The report of the special Committee on Gathering and Preserving Historical Materials was presented by Rev. Henry C. Cameron, D.D. It was accepted. Its recommendations were adopted, as follows :

1. It is recommended that copies of the Historical Discourse of the Rev. Allen H. Brown be sent to the Clerks of the Presbyteries of the Church, and that the remaining copies be kept by the Stated Clerk and the Rev. Allen H. Brown, for distribution among Libraries and Historical Societies, and for further demands.

2. Your Committee would also recommend that the Trustees of the Princeton Theological Seminary be requested, if possible, to have a fire-proof vault prepared in the Library at Princeton, and to grant permission to deposit therein the completed volumes of the Minutes of the Synod, and, also, to grant similar permission to those of the Presbyteries who may be willing to place their Minutes in a place that shall be secure and readily accessible to all who may be interested in the history of our Church. It is also suggested, that all manuscript histories of Presbyteries and Churches be deposited in the same place, if permission can be obtained.

3. In connection with the sketch of the Synod, a new electrotype map of the Synod, with numerous additions and corrections, has been prepared. The cost of this plate, and the twelve hundred and fifty impressions struck from it, was not included in the expense of publishing the sketch of the Synod. It is recommended that the Treasurer of the Synod be directed to pay this bill, amounting to \$27.98.

Fire-proof vault.

In accordance with the recommendation that a Committee be appointed to confer with the Trustees of the Theological Seminary in Princeton with reference to providing a fire-proof vault in which the completed records of Synod and of Presbyteries, and other valuable papers may be stored, the Moderator subsequently announced as this Committee, Rev. Henry C. Cameron, D.D., Rev. Samuel M. Studdiford, D.D., Ruling Elder Levi Dye.

Publication and Sabbath-school Work.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Publication and Sabbath-school Work was presented by Rev. Benjamin S. Everitt. It was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted, as follows :

1. That Pastors be requested to present to their congregations the facts of the great Missionary work and needs of this Board.

2. That we urge all churches and Sabbath-school organizations to faithfully strive to bring all the children and youth under Sabbath-school training, by a thorough canvassing of every Sabbath-school district.

3. That we commend the several methods of improving the quality of the teaching in our schools as sought by Sabbath-school Institutes, Bible Correspondence School, systems of Bible Study, and training classes in individual schools.

4. As Children's Day last year brought \$30,000 into the Missionary Treasury of the Board, we urge the most careful observance of the day, both for inciting Sabbath-school interests and securing financial aid to the Board.

5. That we commend our Presbyterian lesson helps, and Presbyterian Boards, as especially fitted for the best development of our children and youth in sound Bible doctrine and broad, growing, Bible benevolence.

6. That we commend Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor as helpful and efficient aids to Sabbath-school and Church work, and urge our Pastors to review their work among the young, and seek well for the best methods and means for their religious training.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Aid for Col- Aid for Colleges.  
leges and Academies was presented by Rev. Henry C. Cameron, D.D. It was accepted, and its recommendation was adopted, as follows :

*Resolved*, That the Synod recommends that the Pastors and churches take up collections for the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Freedmen Freedmen.  
was presented by Rev. Albert Erdman, D.D. It was accepted.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Systematic Systematic Bene-  
Benevolence was presented by Rev. Walter A. Brooks. It ficence.  
was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted, as follows :

1. That the Synod renewedly commends to all the churches the provisions of the new Chapter VI, Directory for Worship, now confirmed, and urges upon Presbyterial Committees, Pastors and Sessions the taking of all necessary steps to secure the hearty adoption and practice of the same.

2. That Pastors and Sessions shall carefully instruct the people to the end that their giving may be wisely and truly proportionate as well as systematic.

The resignation of Rev. Walter A. Brooks as Chairman of the Committee was accepted, and the Committee was directed to select a Chairman.

Education.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Ministerial Education was presented, in the absence of the Chairman, by Rev. Edward B. Hodge. It was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted, as follows :

1. That the Board of Ministerial Education be cordially commended to the liberality of all our churches.

2. That the privilege and duty of turning the young men and boys of the Church toward the work of the Ministry be pressed upon Christian parents and all who have an influence over the young, by our Pastors and Stated Supplies.

Address of Dr.  
Patton.

The Synod listened to an address upon Ministerial Education, by Rev. Francis L. Patton, D.D., President of Princeton College. The following resolution was adopted :

New Test. Fel-  
lowship.

*Resolved*, That Synod has listened with pleasure to the address of Dr. Patton on the subject of education for the Gospel ministry, and cordially commends to the alumni of Princeton College, members of the Synod, and to any others interested, the subject of the endowment of an Alumni New Testament Fellowship in Princeton Seminary, bespeaking for it their practical and efficient assistance.

Sabbath Observ-  
ance.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Sabbath Observance was presented by Rev. George S. Mott, D.D. It was accepted and its recommendations adopted, as follows :

1. We call upon all the members of our churches, and upon all friends of the Sabbath, to use their influence in every lawful way to prevent such legislation as would weaken the present enactments respecting the sale of liquor on the Sabbath.

2. We earnestly exhort our churches and Presbyteries to do all in their power to remove that special form of Sabbath desecration which may be the crying evil within their bounds.

3. We implore our Ministers and church members to take into most earnest consideration, whether, by some mode of



self-indulgence, they are not setting an example of Sabbath desecration which encourages others, in more flagrant ways, to disregard the sacredness of the day.

4. We request the representatives of this State, who shall be in Congress, to take such measures as shall prevent drills and military parades in the time of peace, in the army and navy, on the Sabbath, and to bring the mail service within such limits, on the Sabbath, as shall prevent the need of any work, not imperatively required, for the general public.

The records of the Presbytery of New Brunswick and of the Presbytery of Newton were approved. Records approved.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was presented and accepted. Minutes General Assembly.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Ministerial Relief was presented by Rev. William T. Findley, D.D., and was accepted. At the suggestion of the Committee, Rev. Nathaniel L. Upham, of the Synod of Pennsylvania, was invited to address the Synod with reference to the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund of 1759. Ministerial Relief.

Rev. Everard Kempshall, D.D., called the attention of Synod to the action of the Presbytery of West Jersey in several particulars, as found in the Records of the Presbytery, and proposed action by the Synod. Records of West Jersey.

Pending consideration of the matter, the Synod took a recess until 7:30 P.M. Recess.

TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M. Tuesday, 7:30.

The Synod re-assembled, and engaged in devotional services, led by the Vice-Moderator, and then listened to an address by Rev. James S. Dennis, D.D., upon Foreign Missions; an address by Rev. Charles E. Knox, D.D., presenting the salutations of the Synod recently organized in Brazil; and an address by Rev. Alexander W. Sproull, upon Home Missions.

The Committee on the Place of Next Meeting reported, recommending Asbury Park. Next place of meeting.

The report was accepted and the recommendation was adopted.

The records of the Presbytery of Corisco were approved. A letter of greeting from the Presbytery was read. The Records of Corisco.

Stated Clerk of Synod was directed to assure the Presbytery of Corisco of the interest and prayer of the Synod in its behalf. The Stated Clerk was directed to send copies of the Minutes of Synod to the members of the Presbytery. The thanks of the Synod were extended to Rev. Robert H. Nassau, for printed copies of the History of the Presbytery.

*Arrangements.* Upon the recommendation of the Committee of Arrangements, Rev. J. C. Bracq, Representative Secretary of the American McAll Association, was invited to address the Synod on Wednesday morning after the consideration of unfinished business.

*Adjournment.* The Synod adjourned to meet on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

The session closed with prayer.

Wednesday, October 17.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17th.

The Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock, and after prayer proceeded to the business of the day.

*Minutes.* The minutes of Tuesday's sessions were read, amended and approved.

*Letter of Dr. Chandler.* A letter of salutation was received from Rev. Frank Chandler, D.D., Pastor of the Church in Asbury Park, now confined to his bed by illness.

*Reply.* The Moderator and Stated Clerk were appointed to make a proper reply to the letter.

*Records of West Jersey.* Proceeding to its unfinished business—the consideration of proposed action with reference to the records of the Presbytery of West Jersey—the Synod resolved to postpone the matter until the presentation of the report of the Committee appointed to examine the records.

*Monmouth.* The records of the Presbytery of Monmouth were approved.

*Presbyterian Ministers' Fund, 1759.* The consideration of a resolution proposing a relation between the Synod and the corporators of the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund of 1759, was postponed until the next stated meeting.

*Work among Germans.* The report of the Permanent Committee on Work among the Germans was presented by Rev. Albert Erdman, D.D., and was accepted.

Rev. J. C. Bracq, Representative Secretary of the American McAll Association, addressed the Synod. A Committee was appointed to prepare a Minute expressive of Synod's interest in the work of the McAll Mission. The Moderator announced as this Committee, Rev. George Swain, D.D., and Ruling Elder Philip H. Hoffman. The Committee subsequently presented the following Minute, which was adopted :

This Synod having listened with great pleasure to the address of the Rev. J. C. Bracq on the "Popular Mission of France," known as the McAll Mission, expresses its appreciation thereof as follows : We recognize that we have abundant reason to see in this wonderful evangelistic movement in France a true work of the Spirit of Christ. We rejoice in the cheering success that has already been granted to it, and are convinced that it promises far greater things in the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom in the fair land of Calvin and of the Huguenots. Further, we heartily commend to the sympathy and prayers and the liberality of the people under our care this interesting and important work so blessedly serving the cause of our Lord.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made a partial report :

In reference to an overture asking Synod to overture the General Assembly to organize a large, general fund throughout the entire Church, out of which an annual dividend shall be declared to every Minister, without exception, who is either directly in charge or honorably retired, the Committee recommends that no action should be taken.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Special Committee to which was referred the eleventh annual report of the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions, presented a report, which was accepted, and the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That this Synod recognizes and appreciates the great and growing usefulness of the Woman's Home Mission Societies within its bounds. It commends their zeal, rejoices in the success which has attended their efforts, and earnestly desires a continuance of the same.

This Synod would urge upon Pastors a hearty co-operation with the ladies in organizing these societies where not now

found, and in increasing the membership where already in existence.

Records of Morris and Orange. The records of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange were approved, with certain exceptions, as follows :

1st. Pages 178 and 179 are duplicated on pages 182 and 183. The duplicates are inconsistent with each other in the number of absentees, and in the number of members constituting the Hillside Church.

2d. On page 180, the recommendations of the Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions are adopted, but no record is made of the recommendations, and no reference to any file.

3d. On pages 175, 181 and 186, pastoral relations are dissolved, and no record made of the appointment of Moderators of the Sessions of the vacant churches, which action, your Committee is assured, was taken in all these cases.

4th. On page 190, no record is made of the approval of the minutes previous to their submission to Synod.

Records of West Jersey. The Committee appointed to review the records of the Presbytery of West Jersey, reported, making the following recommendations, which were adopted :

1. It is recommended that the consideration by Synod, under review, of the records of West Jersey Presbytery, be deferred to the next stated meeting of Synod.

2. In view of apparently contradictory deliverances by the General Assembly upon the subject of the regular constitution by Presbytery of church organizations under the Presbyterian form of government, and the confusion of opinion arising therefrom ; therefore,

Overture to General Assembly. *Resolved*, That this Synod of New Jersey does hereby overture the next General Assembly to consider the subject of such deliverances, and to make such final deliverance thereupon as in the wisdom of the Assembly shall seem proper.

3. It is recommended that a Committee of three Ministers and two Elders be appointed by Synod to present and explain such overture before such Committee of the Assembly as may have referred to it the overture of Synod.

The Moderator subsequently announced as the Committee to present and explain the proposed overture to the General Assembly, Rev. Everard Kempshall, D.D., Rev.

John Dixon, Rev. Henry Reeves, Ph.D., Ruling Elders James S. Baker and Israel C. Pierson.

The report of the Committee on Simultaneous Meetings in the interest of Foreign Missions, including the report of the Treasurer, was presented by Rev. William H. Belden. The report was accepted.

November Simultaneous Meetings.

Pending the consideration of its recommendation, the Synod spent a half hour in devotional services, led by the Moderator.

Devotional exercises.

The following resolutions were presented and placed upon the docket :

Permanent Clerk.

*Resolved*, 1. That the third Standing Rule be amended by substituting for the words "an Enrolment Clerk" the words "a Permanent Clerk."

2. That the Rev. Benjamin S. Everitt be recommended for the office of Permanent Clerk.

3. That a Committee of three be appointed to specify and adjust the duties of this new office, and consider such other questions as may be necessary pertaining to it ; the Committee to report at the next stated meeting of Synod.

The Synod took a recess until 2 P.M.

Recess.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P.M.

Wednesday, 2 P.M.

The Synod re-assembled and proceeded to business.

The Committee on Finance reported that it had examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Synod, and of the Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions, found them correct and recommended their approval. The recommendation was adopted. The Synod ratified and confirmed the action of the Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions in paying certain bills authorized by Synod, but with reference to which no specific directions were found in the Minutes of 1887, and in paying the allotments to Presbyteries for 1887-1888, in the absence of a certification from the Stated Clerk.

Accounts audited.

The thanks of the Synod were extended to Rev. William H. Green, D.D., for the gift of copies of the pamphlet containing his essay on Pentateuch Analysis.

Thanks to Dr. Green.

The recommendation presented by the Committee on Simultaneous Meetings, in the interest of Foreign Missions,

Simultaneous Meetings.

was adopted. The Committee was continued and its membership was enlarged, in accordance with the following resolution embodying the recommendation :

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Simultaneous Meetings, &c., be enlarged so as to consist of one Minister and one Elder from each Presbytery, and that it be empowered to make arrangements for simultaneous Missionary Meetings, during the year 1889, throughout the bounds of the Synod, in accordance with the recommendations of the General Assembly ; and that this Synod recommends the appointment of co-operating Committees by the Presbyteries and Sessions.

The Moderator subsequently announced the Committee, as follows :

*Elizabeth*—Rev. John W. Teal, D.D., Ruling Elder E. W. Martin.

*Jersey City*—Rev. Philo F. Leavens, D.D., Ruling Elder Chas. A. DeWitt.

*Monmouth*—Rev. Edward B. Hodge, Ruling Elder H. Churchman.

*Morris and Orange*—Rev. William F. Whitaker, Ruling Elder Henry E. Simmons.

*Newark*—Rev. J. Lester Wells, Ruling Elder J. P. Dusenbury.

*New Brunswick*—Rev. William Swan, Ruling Elder Barker Gummere.

*Newton*—Rev. Henry S. Butler, D.D., Ruling Elder David R. Hull.

*West Jersey*—Rev. William H. Belden, Ruling Elder William Fewsmith.

Permission was given to the Committee to fill vacancies.

The resolutions with reference to the election of a Permanent Clerk were taken from the docket and referred to a Committee of three, to report at the next stated meeting. The Moderator subsequently announced the Committee, as follows: Rev. Joseph G. Symmes, D.D., Rev. Allen H. Brown, Ruling Elder Israel C. Pierson.

It was ordered that fifty dollars be paid this year to the Enrolment Clerk, because of special services rendered as Acting Stated Clerk, and that fifty dollars be paid next year.

A communication was presented from the Board of Ministerial Relief, with reference to the conditions of admission to the Ministers' Home at Perth Amboy. The matter was referred to a Committee, to confer with the Board of Ministerial Relief, and report at the next stated meeting. The Moderator subsequently announced the Committee, as follows: Rev. Allen H. Brown, Rev. George Swain, D.D., Ruling Elder Hugh B. Ely.

Perth Amboy Home.

The following reply was made by Synod to the salutation received from the Synod of Brazil:

Salutation to Synod of Brazil.

*Resolved*, That the Synod of New Jersey has received, with thanksgiving to the Head of the Church, the greeting of the newly-formed Synod of Brazil, and that we extend to it our most cordial Christian welcome to the fellowship of the Synods of our Church. Our prayer is, that the Lord will continually and greatly bless the measures inaugurated for the promulgation of a pure Gospel in the vast Empire of Brazil, and that the Synod recently constituted may grow into many.

*Resolved*, That we have listened with intense pleasure to the report made by Rev. Charles E. Knox, D.D., of the fulfilment of his commission to Brazil, and that we are greatly encouraged by the inspiring opportunities and promises of the opening work there, as presented by him.

*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk forward a copy of these resolutions to the Moderator of the Synod of Brazil, Rev. Alexander L. Blackford, D.D.

The Committee on Sectarian Influence in Public Institutions reported, through its Chairman, Rev. Jos. G. Symmes, D.D., that sufficient progress had been made during the year to justify the continuance of the Committee.

Sectarian Influences in Public Institutions.

The report was accepted and the Committee continued.

The Narrative of the State of Religion was presented by Rev. William Aikman, D.D., and accepted and ordered to be printed.

Narrative.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was presented, in the absence of the Chairman, by Rev. William Aikman, D.D., and accepted and ordered to be printed.

Necrological Report.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made a further report:

Bills and Overtures

1. In reply to an overture from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, asking that the Synod appoint a Committee to take into consideration the propriety of formulating a bill for presenta-

Committee to secure legislation for proper regulation of Church affairs.

tion to the Legislature of the State, whereby such legislation may be secured as shall permit our churches under the statutes to regulate their affairs in accordance with the principles and polity of the Presbyterian Church, the Committee recommend that a Committee be appointed who shall examine the present statutes of the State, and ascertain whether it be advisable to secure additional legislation in order that the affairs of our churches may be administered more in accord with Presbyterian principles and polity; and if, in their judgment, such legislation is advisable, that they prepare a suitable bill for presentation to the Legislature. Moreover, the Committee recommend that Rev. Lewis W. Mudge, D.D., and Ruling Elders A. G. Richey, Barker Gummere and John T. Nixon be the Committee, and that they report at the next stated meeting of Synod.

Army Chaplains.

2. In reply to a request from Rev. Orville J. Nave, in behalf of the Corps of Chaplains of the U. S. Army, asking that this Synod adopt a resolution requesting Congress to provide Chaplains for all the posts occupied by troops, increasing their pay and arranging a wise plan of appointment, and to make ample provision for religious services, the Committee recommend the following answer: That Synod, while expressing its deep interest in this matter, does not see the necessity for separate action, inasmuch as this proposed measure is already in the hands of a Committee of the General Assembly.

Instability of the Pastorate.

3. With reference to a communication from the Presbytery of Newton: In view of the fact stated in the communication from the Presbytery of Newton of the instability of the Minister in the pastorate, and that, notwithstanding our polity of the settled ministry, there appears to be a growing demand for a periodic change of Pastor; and whereas, not only is great injustice done hereby to the Minister, but also equal injury to the churches, the Committee recommend the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That a Committee be appointed, consisting of one Minister and one Elder from each Presbytery, to take into consideration the whole subject, in the hope of arriving at a conclusion fair alike to churches and Ministers, the Committee to report at the next stated meeting.

Rev. A. M. Higgins.

4. In the case of the Rev. A. M. Higgins, an ordained Minister of the Evangelical Union, of Scotland, who has been examined by the Presbytery of Jersey City as to his soundness in the faith and his experimental acquaintance with religion, and whose credentials have been examined by that Presbytery and by the Committee on Bills and Overtures, the committee recommend that the Presbytery be authorized to place the name



of Rev. A. M. Higgins on its roll on the expiration of his year of probation in December next.

The recommendations were severally adopted.

The report of the Trustees of Synod was presented, in the absence of the Chairman, by Rev. Allen H. Brown. Trustees of Synod.

The report was accepted and the effort of the Trustees in behalf of the John Brainerd Memorial Fund was approved.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Unemployed Ministers and Vacant Churches was presented by Rev. Allen H. Brown. Unemployed Ministers and Vacant Churches

In view of the death of Ruling Elder William Frederic Van Wagenen, and the removal of Rev. Henry B. Townsend, the Committee recommended that Synod enlarge the Committee by the appointment of one from each home Presbytery, and allow the Committee thus constituted to elect its own chairman.

The recommendation was adopted, and the Committee was subsequently announced by the Moderator, as follows: Rev. Samuel Parry, Rev. George Sluter, Rev. A. H. Dashiell, Rev. John R. Fisher, Rev. William T. Findley, D.D., Rev. Lewis W. Mudge, D.D., Rev. Samuel W. Boardman, D.D., Rev. Allen H. Brown. Rev. Allen H. Brown was appointed Convener, and the Committee was directed to select a chairman.

The records of the Presbytery of Elizabeth were approved with one exception, as follows: Records of Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Your Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Elizabeth find them well kept and in good order, and recommend that they be approved, as far as written, with one exception, viz.: A recently adopted Standing Rule of the Presbytery, recorded on page 318, and marked "*No. 2. Pro re nata meetings,*" seems to impose on members desiring such a meeting a condition additional to that which is alone prescribed in Form of Government, Chapter X, Section 10, and therefore, to that extent, abridging constitutional liberty.

The Presbytery is directed so to change the wording of the Rule as to obviate the possibility of this construction.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Home Missions was presented, in the absence of the Chairman, by Rev. William H. Belden. It was accepted and its recommendations were adopted, as follows: Home Missions.

1. That the increasing spiritual needs of our great cities, of the older sections of our country, depleted by migration and other causes, of the South stretching out her hands to us for help, and of the great West, fast filling up with peoples from every clime, call for a yet further enlargement of our Home Mission work ; and we pledge our earnest endeavor to do even more for this work than we have done in the past.

2. That we rejoice in the splendid advance that the Woman's Societies have made, both in contributions and in service, for the exceptional peoples of our land, and bid them God speed in their most important work

3. That we invoke the organized assistance of the Elders of this Synod in increasing the number of contributing churches to this Board, and in developing yet further the interest and beneficence of those already giving to it.

Church Erection

The report of the Permanent Committee on Church Erection was presented, in the absence of the Chairman, by Rev. Benj. S. Everitt.

The report was accepted.

Temperance.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Temperance was presented by Rev. William E. Honeyman.

It was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted, as follows :

1. That Ministers be urged pointedly and solemnly to preach against the sin of intemperance.

2. That in conformity to the General Assembly's request in 1885, church Sessions be urged to give special attention to Temperance Work in the Sabbath-School.

3. That the Synod herewith expresses great pleasure at the result of the elections held under the local option law in Warren, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties, and exhorts its members to co-operate with other workers in all Christian methods to achieve similar success in the counties where elections have not yet been held.

4. That the following persons be elected as members of the Church Commission on Temperance to act with representatives of other Churches in this State, viz. : Rev. R. Aikman, D.D., Rev. B. S. Everitt, Rev. A. Erdman, D.D., Rev. J. Woodbridge, D.D., Elder J. B. Conover, Elder J. R. Bennett, Elder J. Y. Foster.

Committee on Instability of the Pastorate.

The Moderator announced the Special Committee on the Instability of the Pastoral Relation as follows :

*Elizabeth*—Rev. William R. Richards, Ruling Elder Isaac L. Miller.

*Jersey City*—Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, D.D., Ruling Elder Bennington Randolph.

*Monmouth*—Rev. Joseph S. Van Dyke, D.D., Ruling Elder Ira Otterson.

*Morris and Orange*—Rev. Alfred Yeomans, D.D., Ruling Elder Theodore Little.

*Newark*—Rev. James P. Wilson, D.D., Ruling Elder Samuel H. Pennington.

*New Brunswick*—Rev. Abraham Gosman, D.D., Ruling Elder John A. Anderson.

*Newton*—Rev. Charles D. Nott, D.D., Ruling Elder David R. Hull.

*West Jersey*—Rev. Samuel W. Beach, Ruling Elder James J. Reeves.

The Committee on Finance recommended that the apportionment to the Presbyteries for the contingent expenses of the Synod be the same as last year, and as follows :

Apportionments,  
1888-89.

To the Presbytery of Elizabeth, . . . . .	\$65 00
“ “ “ Jersey City, . . . . .	55 00
“ “ “ Monmouth, . . . . .	55 00
“ “ “ Morris and Orange, . . . . .	60 00
“ “ “ Newark, . . . . .	65 00
“ “ “ New Brunswick, . . . . .	65 00
“ “ “ Newton, . . . . .	50 00
“ “ “ West Jersey, . . . . .	55 00

The recommendation was adopted.

The reading of the Statistical Reports was omitted, and the Stated Clerk was authorized to print the Reports in the Appendix.

Statistical  
Reports.

The Enrolment Clerk reported that 151 Ministers, 98 Ruling Elders and 14 Corresponding Members had been in attendance, and that the following members of Synod, having given satisfactory reasons, had been excused for absence from the

Attendance, and  
members ex-  
cused.

PRESENT MEETING.

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| Rev. John Hall, D.D.,        | Rev. Henry S. Butler, D.D., |
| Rev. J. T. Duffield, D.D.,   | Rev. S. C. Leonard,         |
| Rev. Chas. A. Aiken, D.D.,   | Rev. Jas. B. Beaumont,      |
| Rev. Edwin A. Bulkley, D.D., | Rev. John F. Pingry, Ph.D., |
| Rev. Robert J. Burt,         | Rev. A. A. Haines,          |

Rev. Jos. W. Porter,	Rev. J. H. Condit,
Rev. J. C. Egbert,	Rev. W. S. Steen,
Rev. H. R. Hall,	Rev. Samuel Conn, D.D.,
Rev. H. G. Hinsdale,	Rev. Geo. Hale, D.D.,
Rev. Rufus Taylor, D.D.,	Rev. John Gillespie, D.D.

## FROM THE SESSIONS OF TUESDAY.

Rev. David R. Frazer, D.D.

## AFTER TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. John W. Teal, D.D.,	Elder Robert Craig,
Rev. H. M. Storrs, D.D.,	Elder R. S. Grummon,
Rev. A. N. Hollifield, D.D.,	Elder Davis W. Lusk,
Rev. S. W. Knipe,	Elder M. H. Smith,
Rev. Wm. F. Junkin, D.D.,	Elder Hudson Muchmore.

## AFTER TUESDAY EVENING.

Rev. F. R. Brace,	Rev. Chas. K. Imbrie, D.D.,
Rev. H. B. MacCauley,	Rev. S. M. Hamill, D.D.,
Rev. J. W. Galloway,	Elder Andrew M. Wortman,
Rev. David Wills, Jr.,	Elder A. J. Prall,
Rev. H. M. Booth, D.D.,	Elder John B. Pudney,
Rev. P. F. Leavens, D.D.,	Elder T. DeWitt,
Rev. Abraham Gosman, D.D.,	Elder H. M. Howell.

## AFTER WEDNESDAY NOON.

Rev. F. R. Craven, D.D.,	Rev. R. P. Cobb,
Rev. W. V. Louderbaugh,	Rev. John Ewing, D.D.,
Rev. R. C. Halleck, Ph.D.,	Rev. J. H. Salisbury,
Rev. J. H. Polhemus,	Rev. W. T. Findley, D.D.,
Rev. O. A. Kingsbury,	Rev. J. A. Liggett, D.D.,
Rev. E. K. Donaldson,	Elder Peter Davis,
Rev. Frank R. Symmes,	Elder B. R. Kely,
Rev. H. E. Thomas,	Elder W. H. Muirheid,
Rev. B. T. Phillips,	Elder W. W. Fisher,
Rev. B. S. Foster,	Elder Sering Shangle,
Rev. Albert Erdman, D.D.,	Elder Smith Shepherd,
Rev. D. R. Foster,	Elder A. G. Creveling,
Rev. Wm. Thomson,	Elder W. J. Owens,
Rev. J. G. Hamner, D.D.,	Elder Chas. H. Chambers,
Rev. G. W. Lloyd,	Elder R. L. Hutchinson,
Rev. William Boyd,	Elder N. B. Thompson,
Rev. Oliver Crane, D.D.,	Elder Edgar J. Riley,
Rev. Geo. W. Tomson,	Elder B. F. Bancroft,
Rev. H. A. Snyder,	Elder David Paris,
Rev. T. F. Chambers,	Rev. J. G. Hamner, Jr.,
Rev. Henry Reeves, Ph.D.,	Rev. Chas. D. Shaw, D.D.

The report was accepted.

The Janitor's bill was ordered paid.

Janitor.

The minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read and approved.

Minutes.

The calling of the roll was omitted.

The Synod adopted the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod are hereby heartily given to Mr. James A. Bradley and his agent, Captain Bailey, for the generous use of Educational Hall for our meeting, and for all their abundant provisions and attentions for the Synod during its meeting.

Thanks.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Pastor and Trustees of the Presbyterian Church for the use of their Church for the Synod, Presbyteries and Committees.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Synod be given to Mr. E. Wright, for his services and faithful and helpful attention in aiding the members in all matters looking to their greatest comfort and convenience during their stay here, and to the local press for favors received.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in Asbury Park, on the third Monday of October, 1889, at 3 o'clock P.M.

Adjournment.

The session closed with prayer and the benediction.

Prayer.

WILLIAM F. WHITAKER,

*Temporary Clerk.*

WALTER A. BROOKS,

*Stated Clerk.*



# APPENDIX.

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## I.—NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 15TH, 1888.

The Synod's Narrative, as its designation asserts, is an attempt to exhibit the condition of the religious life in the membership of its churches. The actual life, hidden as it is, must forever elude human search ; its probable indications may be found as they are shown by the outward work of the churches. For this, our ecclesiastical system of Sessional and Presbyterial reports gives a happy opportunity. Such reports have been received from all the Presbyteries with the exception of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange. Their matter naturally presents itself, first in relation to

### ATTENDANCE

on the stated services of the Church. The general report is that the public services on the Sabbath have been attended by about the same number of persons as in past years, the small falling off in isolated cases being more than made up by increased attendance in others.

In two or three of the Presbyteries, the fact that the congregations are made up almost wholly by professors of religion and by but few of those who are not members of the Church awakens thought, and suggests the question whether, in such a state of things, Christians are fully awake to their responsibilities as they touch an outside world.

The attendance of the social meetings of the churches seems to have been of a similar character. One of the Presbyteries speaks with gratification of increased attendance and interest in these weekly meetings, which in a large measure gauge the life and activity of Christians in the organization.

The religious life of the churches may also be measured in some degree by the

### CONTRIBUTIONS

made to benevolent causes, and the interest taken in the work of God beyond the immediate neighborhood of the Church. There

has been a small advance in the sum of contributions to the various Boards of the Church, but not of such a nature or to such an extent as to call for special remark except in the case of the cause of Ministerial Relief and Home Missions.

For Ministerial Relief, special and successful efforts were made in behalf of the Centennial Fund. In respect to Home Missions, it is gratifying to note that while the Synod has raised the full amount estimated for its own dependent churches, the sum contributed to the Board of Home Missions has not been diminished, but has been increased.

The various subordinate organizations in the churches for the promotion of Missionary Work at home and abroad, ladies' societies, children's bands and the like, have been, in the several Presbyteries, kept up, and have been fruitful of results in helping Missionary interest and enlarging contributions to these objects. The November Simultaneous Meetings in behalf of Missions are spoken of by one of the Presbyteries as having been largely useful to these ends and in diffusing Missionary intelligence.

A meeting for special prayer for Missions once a month is held in some of the churches, but, as far as the reports show, is not a general thing in the Synod.

The religious life of the Church is measurably shown by what is done for

#### THE CHILDREN.

In almost all the Presbyteries there seems to have been a gradual growth in the attendance upon the Sunday-school, but not in any marked degree.

While, however, the attendance has not been specially or generally increased, it has, as in other years, been true that the larger number of additions to the churches by profession of faith have been from the Sunday-school.

A fact of significant interest is mentioned in one of the Presbyterian reports. "Fifty per cent." of these converts gathered out of the Sunday-school were from families whose parents were not members of the Church. The Sunday-school here has been doing, clearly, its best and most appropriate work.

An agency calling for especial notice has been employed in a number of the churches among the young, which receives a universal and emphatic commendation from Pastors—the formation of "Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor." These organizations, designed to bring out the activities and enlarge and intensify the Christian life of young people, seem to have been followed by excellent results, and to give promise of training youthful Christians for the work of the Master.



There has been an endeavor to find out the condition of family religion, especially in relation to

## FAMILY PRAYER.

The Presbyteries in which such inquiries have been instituted do not seem to have been successful in obtaining accurate information, but, from all that can be gathered, there is good reason to believe that family worship is largely neglected. The intense life which fathers of families live, their early leaving and late return to their homes, have an inevitable tendency almost to compel the neglect of this most essential thing in family religion. In many of our families it is to be feared that the family altar is an unknown blessing. This fact calls for the earnest consideration of the Pastors of the Synod.

There has been no general revival of religion during the past year within the bounds of the Synod, but in a number of the churches there have been seasons of special ingathering, notably in the Presbytery of Monmouth.

WILLIAM AIKMAN,

*Chairman of Committee.*

## II.—NECROLOGICAL REPORT.

## BENJAMIN CORY,

of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, son of Mulford and Maria (Conklin) Cory, was born near Westfield, N. J., February 24th, 1807. He graduated at the College of New Jersey in 1831, and three years later at Princeton Theological Seminary; was ordained and installed pastor at Perth Amboy by the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, May 6th, 1835, was dismissed in 1860, and spent three years in Elizabeth; installed Pastor of the First Church in Plainfield, January 21st, 1864, and held the office until July, 1868; resided a few years at Plainfield, and spent the remainder of his life in Elizabeth, where he died of heart disease, March 18th, 1888. During the later years of his life he preached frequently and very acceptably as he had opportunity. He was a man of prayer, and preached, when in health, with much unction and power.

He married Mary Mitchel Crane, of Elizabeth, who, with two daughters, survives him.

His twin brother, Joseph, pastor at Dunmore, Pa., is still in the active ministry. In their early manhood the two brothers, on the same occasion, united with the church in Elizabethtown.

## JESSE BROOKS DAVIS, D.D.,

of the Presbytery of Monmouth, the son of Ezra and Mary Davis, was born at Hampshire, N. H., December 13th, 1818; graduated at the College of New Jersey, 1846, and at Princeton Theological Seminary three years later. He was licensed by the Presbytery of New York, April, 1849, and ordained and installed Pastor of the Plattsburg and Plumstead Churches in New Jersey by the Presbytery of Burlington, March 19th, 1850. He was installed Pastor at Titusville, N. J., September 14th, 1852; at Bridesburg, Pa., March 17th, 1862, and at Hightstown, N. J., November 10th, 1869, where he spent the remainder of his life. His pastoral relation at Hightstown was dissolved October, 1887, and the title of *Pastor emeritus* was conferred upon him. His death occurred February 7th, 1888, from pneumonia, which came upon him when greatly enfeebled by chronic disease.

He became the successor of Rev. Dr. Ravaud K. Rodgers, as Stated Clerk of the Synod, in 1874, which office he filled with great fidelity and acceptance for more than thirteen years.

His first wife was Jane P. Voorhees, of Blawenburg, N. J., and his second C. M. Hendrickson, who survives him, with four children born of his first marriage.

## WILLIAM WARREN BLAUVELT, D.D.,

of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, was born at New Brunswick, June 23d, 1800; was a son of Abraham Blauvelt, a printer, noted in his day. He graduated at Rutgers College at the early age of fourteen years, and had the honor of being valedictorian.

He entered the law office of his uncle, Col. Joseph Warren Scott, as a student, but two years later his health was so impaired that he went to Virginia for a year, and then became assistant to Rev. Dr. Brownlee, in his school at Basking Ridge, and finally assumed the entire charge of the institution. He entered the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, but ill health interrupted his course of study. He was licensed at Lawrenceville, and did missionary service in the State of New York. He was installed at Lamington, August 8th, 1826, and remained Pastor until his death, July 16th, 1883. A co-pastor was installed June 14th, 1882.

In 1826 he married the daughter of Timothy Hutton, Esq., of New York, who was his companion for fifty years, dying in 1876. She was an excellent and noble woman, and widely beloved. They had four sons, one of whom died while preparing for the ministry, and two are pastors. Three of their five daughters are still living.

Dr. Blauvelt was a sound and able preacher, and for more than half a century labored with fidelity, seldom leaving the retirement of his rural parish to preach elsewhere. He gave himself to the service of his congregation, and they returned his devotion to them with warm affection.

## DUNCAN KENNEDY, D.D.,

of the Presbytery of Newark, son of Robert and Annie Kennedy, was born at Amsterdam, N. Y., May 16th, 1809; graduated at Union College, Schenectady, in 1835, and at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1838. He was ordained and installed Pastor, at Galway, N. Y., by the Presbytery of Albany, October 17th, 1839; was Pastor of the North Dutch Church of Albany, 1841-55; Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Troy; supply of the Second Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn; Pastor of Westminster Church of Bloomfield, 1870-81.

He died in Bloomfield, of heart disease, December 30th, 1887. The important pastorates that he filled for forty years are proof of his power and acceptableness as a Minister of the Gospel.

He was married at Utica, N. Y., in 1841, to Clarissa Spencer, daughter of Hon. Joshua A. Spencer, who survives him, with three sons and one daughter.

## JOSEPH FEWSMITH, D.D.,

of the Presbytery of Newark, was born in Philadelphia, January 7th, 1816. For several years he was associated with his father in

the flour business, and acquired those habits in mercantile life which afterwards rendered him so useful in the direction of Church affairs. With deep love for souls, he resolved to fit himself for the Gospel Ministry; graduated at Yale College, 1840, and completed his theological education under Dr. Hickok, while a tutor in Western Reserve College. After one year of Pastoral duty in the Lutheran Church at Batavia, N. Y., and five years at Winchester, Va., he became Professor of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology in Auburn Theological Seminary, N. Y., and Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Newark, N. J., 1852, where he labored through the long pastorate of thirty-six years, with increasing usefulness and popularity until the day of his death, which took place suddenly, June 22d, 1888.

He was President of the Board of Church Election, Director of Union Theological Seminary and the German Theological School of Bloomfield. He married Emma C. Livingston, in 1843, who survives him with two sons and one daughter.

EDWARD H. CAMP,

of the Presbytery of Newark, was born at Newark, N. J.; ordained by the Presbytery of West Lexington, 1869, and died by his own hand at his house in Newark, August 19th, 1888. For a month prior to his death he had suffered from acutemelancholia, which, conjoined with an attack of erysipelas in the head, developed a condition of mental aberration, during which he committed the fatal act. He was an earnest and effective Minister of Christ, rendering good service in his pastorates at Lexington, Ky., Avondale, near Cincinnati, and at Sag Harbor, N. Y. He had traveled much in foreign lands, and his mind was well stored with information. His genial and loving temper had endeared him to a large circle of friends.

ISRAEL W. WARD,

of the Presbytery of Newark, was ordained in 1844. His name has been carried upon the rolls of the Presbytery without his post office address for several years, and information of his death in 1885 has been received. He was an aged brother, who had been for several years honorably retired from the work of the Ministry, and few particulars of his life are known to the Committee.

CORNELIUS STADGE CONKLING,

of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, was born at Northport, L. I., July 31st, 1810. His father, Thomas Wheeler Conkling, removed to New York City and became principal of one of the public schools, and under his instruction his son fitted for college. Cornelius went on foot all the way to Schenectady, where he entered Union College, supporting himself by teaching until his graduation, in 1836. He spent four years in Union Theological Seminary, New

York ; was ordained and installed pastor of the church in Boonton by the Presbytery of Rockaway, March 7th, 1840, became Stated Supply at West Milford in 1844, and Pastor of the Alexandria First Church, at Mt. Pleasant, in 1846. His ministry at Mt. Pleasant continued for twenty-five years, and was signally blessed with large revivals, when as many as fifty were at a time brought into the Church. From 1871 to 1878 he was Superintendent of Public Schools for Hunterdon county, making his home at Frenchtown, N. J. In 1879 he took charge of a steam saw-mill and spoke and wheel factory at Stockton. He was a member of the State Board of Education, the senior member of his Presbytery, and died at Stockton, N. J., February 26th, 1888.

His wife was Clarissa Catherine Mobray, of Suffolk county, New York, who died in 1882, and E. P. Conkling, of Flemington, is their only son.

#### THANIEL B. CONDIT,

son of Hiram Condit, was born at Succasunna, N. J., in June, 1804. He was ordained an Evangelist by the Presbytery of Newton, December 5th, 1838, and installed at Stillwater, June, 1839. He labored here for two years, and accepted a call to Blairstown and Knowlton, June, 1841. He was installed the second time at Stillwater, August, 1843, where he remained in continuous service until 1881, when, from the infirmities of age, he was compelled to relinquish preaching. For nearly fifty years he spent his life in substantially the same field, and died honored and beloved by a large circle of friends, January 13th, 1888, at his home in Stillwater. His remains were interred at Succasunna.

His wife was Rebecca J., daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Schaefer, who survives him. His two sons are in the Ministry, and one of his three daughters is a Missionary in India. Mr. Condit was the senior member of his Presbytery.

#### FREDERICK KNIGHTON, D.D.,

of the Presbytery of Newton, was born at Derby, England, November 15th, 1812, and came to this country in early youth, with his parents, who resided at Morristown. He was a pupil in the classical school of Rev. Edward Allen, at Harmony Vale, Sussex Co., N. J., and for a time teacher of the Harmony Vale public school. He graduated at Princeton College, 1837, and began the study of law, which he abandoned for the Ministry. He graduated at Princeton Theological Seminary, was licensed by the Presbytery of East Hanover, Va., in April, 1847, and ordained and installed Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Gloucester, N. J., by the Presbytery of West Jersey, November 1st, 1851. He took charge of the Belvidere Academy in the fall of 1854, and soon after became Stated Supply of the First Oxford Presbyterian Church, where he labored until the summer of 1873, with the exception of nine months while he

served as Chaplain of the 11th Regiment, N. J. Vols. Being a thorough classical scholar and distinguished mathematician, he devoted much of his later life to teaching, and several now in the Ministry and other professions were fitted for college under his tuition. He supplied a number of feeble churches for short periods, often preached for his Ministerial brethren, and continued a busy and useful life until within a few months, when, after a lingering illness, he expired on Sabbath morning, September 9th, 1888, at his home in Stroudsburg, Pa.

THEODORE LINN BYINGTON, D.D.,

of the Presbytery of Newton, was born at Johnsonburg, N. J., in 1831. His father, Roderick Byington, M.D., was born at Stockbridge, Mass., married Caroline, daughter of Hon. John Linn, of Harmony Vale, Sussex county, and began the practice of medicine at Johnsonburg, in 1826, removing to Belvidere in 1841. Theodore graduated at Princeton College in 1849, studied law, was licensed to practice, and opened a law office in Scranton, Pa., in 1853. At this time an entire change took place in his views and he formed the resolution to devote his life to Foreign Missions. He entered the Union Theological Seminary in New York, and graduated in 1857. He married Margaret Halleck, whose parents had been Missionaries in Syria, and sailed, in 1858, for Bulgaria, in Turkey. For nine years he was stationed at Phillipopolis and Eski-zagra, in the interior. These were years of successful labor.

The health of his family required his return home in 1867. He was installed Pastor at Newton, May, 1869. Under his leadership a new church was built, the congregation filled with a Missionary spirit, and many brought into the membership. He again entered the service of the American Board of Foreign Missions in 1874, was stationed at Constantinople, where he edited the *Zornitza*, a weekly paper, in the Bulgarian language. It was eagerly read by all classes of the Bulgarian people, and obtained a wide circulation, until it was suppressed by the Turkish government.

Mr. Byington was greatly interested in the Bulgarian struggle for freedom, and aided Consul Schuyler in making the tour of Bulgaria immediately after the Turkish atrocities. The letters of Mr. Schuyler had much to do in arousing the conscience of the British public and revealing the revolting tyranny of Turkish rule.

Eleven years of severe labors broke down his constitution, and in broken health Mr. Byington was compelled to return to America in 1886. He died suddenly, from heart failure, June 16th, 1888, in Philadelphia. His remains were buried at Springfield, Mass., where his eldest son, Rev. Edwin H. Byington, is a Pastor.

He left a widow and four children.

A. A. HAINES,  
*Committee on Necrology.*

### III.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

In presenting the report of the first full year of Synod's care of its own Mission field, we would record our devout gratitude to the Master, who has been pleased to add His blessing to our labors and crown our efforts with success. His manifest presence and favor have been with us in our deliberations, giving us harmony in the work, increasing the number of the churches, enlarging the membership by many accessions, and in putting into the hearts of God's people in this Synod to give largely and liberally for the maintenance and strengthening of our weak churches and Mission fields.

It was with no little hesitancy and anxiety that Synod undertook this work. There were difficulties in the way, seen and realized by all. There were those among us who feared that the animus, or at least the success of the plan, would result in weakening the interest of Synod in the Board of Home Missions. If this had been the result, it is clear that the Synod would quickly turn back to the old plan. The devotion of the Synod to the great work of Home Missions is strong and imperishable. It is, then, with no little satisfaction that your Committee learn that the Board is not only relatively as well off, but that the Synod has not abated a dollar in its contributions to it. Thus the Board is a gainer to the extent of nearly \$10,000. This is fully and heartily acknowledged by Dr. Irvin in the March number of *The Church*. The last annual report of the Home Board bears similar testimony.

It was thought by others that no plan could be successful without a paid Secretary, and that the Synod would quickly find itself with a Board all its own. But the method of administration being strictly Presbyterian, positively prevents the appointment of any such officer. Each Presbytery takes the sum allotted to it by Synod and does its own work. It alone can do the work, nor can one Presbytery aid in the work of another. Thus the field is limited and efficiency secured without expense.

Then there were others that doubted whether the churches could be prevailed upon to provide the funds. The answer to this is at hand. The Treasurer reports the receipt during the past year of \$11,408.70, as follows :

Presbytery of Elizabeth, . . . . .	\$1,338 67
Presbytery of Jersey City, . . . . .	1,037 49
Presbytery of Monmouth, . . . . .	1,028 23
Presbytery of Morris and Orange, . . . . .	2,182 97
Presbytery of Newark . . . . .	1,479 35
Presbytery of New Brunswick, . . . . .	2,142 98
Presbytery of Newton, . . . . .	1,001 48
Presbytery of West Jersey, . . . . .	1,197 53

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\$11,408 70

He has paid out \$12,320.41, leaving a balance on hand, October 1st, of \$3,705.64. It is therefore evident that if the Presbyteries that are delinquent in making up their quota, would only imitate the zeal and fidelity of West Jersey, Monmouth, Morris and Orange and New Brunswick, a sufficient sum would be raised to do the work at present attempted by the Synod. But while this is true, the Committee are profoundly impressed with the conviction that a still greater work loudly calls for immediate attention. The total amount asked for the present year is necessary, for although the Treasurer reports a balance of \$3,705.64, yet there will be an unexpended balance of only some \$400.00 after the amounts due for work done in the quarter just ended have been paid. The margin of \$400.00 is small, yet sufficient for the purpose if all the Presbyteries will only be careful to meet the reasonable expectations of Synod as to their contributions for this work.

The scheme has passed all the tests to which it has been subjected, even beyond our hopes. It now takes its place, as the Committee confidently believes, as a permanent institution of the Synod of New Jersey. The directness, efficiency and thoroughness that characterize the work done by the Presbyteries are the features that have won for it the approval of the churches and prompted them to provide the funds.

It only remains to present, in brief outline, the work of the past year.

The Presbytery of Elizabeth has under its care but one church, viz., the German Church in Rahway.

The Presbytery of Jersey City has in its care the old historic Churches of Newfoundland and West Milford, in the upper extremity of Passaic county, both having installed pastors; the Church of Norwood, in Bergen county, now vacant; three German churches, the Broadway, in Paterson, having a Pastor, the Carlstadt and Passaic Churches, which have hitherto been joined in one pastorate, but are now making separate arrangements, and the church of Weehawken, which is under the care of the Session of Hoboken. Two entirely new stations have been presented providentially to this Presbytery during the year. They are Kingsland and Garfield, both in Bergen county, and they have been united under one Missionary. It has been thought wise to organize a church at Garfield and install the Missionary there as Pastor. Beside these, the Committee takes notice of Lyndhurst, a chapel provided for by the Church of Rutherford; Dundee, a chapel operated by the Church of Passaic, and Madison Avenue, a chapel in Paterson, opened auspiciously, a few months ago, under the patronage of the Second Church of that city. Some other points come within the Committee's ken, but they are not yet clearly enough out of the mist to be named. And, still further, there are chapels or Mission-halls



within the Presbytery so well fostered by individual churches that they have no need of the Committee's attention. It sees a drift of population from New York toward the rural neighborhoods in its field, and a constant development of strength at the manufacturing centers, and it expects things always to grow better, rather than worse.

The Presbytery of Monmouth contains eighteen aid-receiving churches, under the care of thirteen Ministers, three of whom have each two churches in their charge. In these churches there is a membership of seven hundred members, and they have raised for the support of the gospel in their several localities ten thousand seven hundred and thirty-four dollars (\$10,734), or at the rate of fifteen dollars and thirty cents a member. During the past year two churches have been organized, one at Moorestown, with twenty-six members, and one at Hope Chapel, with twenty members. The year has been fruitful in spiritual results of faithful labor. A gracious work of the Spirit among the sea-faring population of the coast greatly strengthened the Churches of Forked River, Barnegat, Tuckerton and Bass River, and more than one hundred and eighty have been received in the aid-receiving churches on the profession of their faith. All the churches, with the exception of Moorestown, have comfortable houses of worship, free from debt, and with the increase of population, bid fair to be self-supporting and efficient churches. They recognize the generous aid of the Synod, and, according to their measure and beyond what is asked of them, contribute to its fund.

The Presbytery of Morris and Orange has nothing special to report.

The Presbytery of Newark reports our four aid-receiving churches have been faithfully served by their regular Pastors during the year. Two of them have taken a good step toward self-support, each asking for one hundred dollars less than last year. The other two have stood firm in the face of new and peculiar difficulties.

This Synodical work has grown in the confidence and hearts of this Presbytery, as evidenced by the fact that last year contributions were received but from fourteen of our twenty-eight churches, and this year we have gifts from every church.

Five of our city churches support Mission chapels at an annual expense of about seven thousand dollars; a fact that shows our deep interest in Home Mission work.

New Brunswick reports that Hopewell, one of the aid-receiving churches under its care, has reached self-support. Titusville, Stockton and Witherspoon Street, Princeton, still need assistance. Progress has been made last year at Titusville, and less money is appropriated to it.

The Presbytery of Newton reports that six of its churches have been aided from Synod's Missionary Fund during the whole or part

of the year. One of these, the Westminster, of Phillipsburg, is comparatively a new organization, in a growing part of the city, with good prospects of growth, and is now engaged in the erection of a church edifice. Another anticipates the erection of a manse at an early date.

The Missionary work in the Presbytery of West Jersey has been in a measure successful during the year. On all the different fields, with one or two exceptions, the churches have held their own. On some there has been marked progress.

The church in Elmer has been increased by an addition of more than twenty members. Its Sunday-school is in a very flourishing condition. The congregation is taking steps to build a manse for its Minister. As the population is constantly increasing it can only be a short time before the church will become self-supporting.

The Third Church of Camden is showing a good deal of vitality. It is doing an excellent work in the section of the city where it is located. It has seventy-five members, ten or twelve having been added since its organization a year ago. The membership of the Sunday-school is one hundred and fifty.

Pleasantville Church is gradually and surely strengthening its stakes and lengthening its cords. The number in attendance upon the regular services of the church and upon the Sunday-school has almost doubled. A live, earnest prayer meeting is kept up every week. A debt of six hundred and fifty dollars is either paid off or ready to be paid off. The population is growing rapidly.

Berlin has added fifteen to its membership, and has very neatly finished its basement at a cost of several hundred dollars, the main part of the expense having been borne by two of the liberal-hearted members of the congregation. The Sunday-school is gradually increasing in members, and the congregation on Sunday has nearly doubled, averaging fifty or sixty.

Atlantic City German is maintaining its position as a great harbor of safety for the German population of that city. It is growing slowly, but surely. A debt of \$2,000 is resting on the congregation, which is somewhat of a hindrance to its growth. At least six have been added to the church during the year.

The Mission among the Germans at Liberty Park, Camden, bids fair to be a successful one. The congregation are looking now for a suitable site on which to erect a church edifice.

Good and efficient work has been done on the other fields. Some souls have been won to Christ and to earnest, Christian living.

The cities and villages within the bounds of this Presbytery of West Jersey are growing with great rapidity, and a demand for the preaching of the gospel is coming from hundreds, and the problem is, how to comply with the demand. Camden city, with a population of about sixty thousand, has only three Presbyterian churches and two small Missions. On its eastern border is a population of several

thousand, with no Presbyterian church accessible. The Presbytery is earnestly striving to cultivate the field the Lord has given to it, and, while mourning because the progress in some of the Mission fields has not been as great as was hoped, yet it rejoices that in some the work has been very successful. The churches are increasing in their membership and give good promise of soon becoming self-supporting.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That Synod acknowledges its obligation to Elmer Ewing Green, Esq., for his services as Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions, and extends to him its hearty thanks.

2. That Mr. Green be re-elected to serve as Treasurer during the ensuing year.

3. That Synod undertake to raise during this year the sum of \$13,057, apportioned as follows :

Presbytery of Elizabeth, . . . . .	\$2,128
“ Jersey City, . . . . .	1,149
“ Monmouth, . . . . .	1,012
“ Morris and Orange, . . . . .	2,173
“ Newark, . . . . .	2,266
“ New Brunswick, . . . . .	2,143
“ Newton, . . . . .	1,100
“ West Jersey, . . . . .	1,086

4. That allotments be made to Presbyteries as follows :

Presbytery of Elizabeth, . . . . .	\$300
“ Jersey City, . . . . .	2,050
“ Monmouth, . . . . .	3,600
“ Morris and Orange, . . . . .	1,350
“ Newark, . . . . .	800
“ New Brunswick, . . . . .	500
“ Newton, . . . . .	800
“ West Jersey, . . . . .	3,600

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN DIXON,  
*Chairman.*

#### IV.—REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

*To the Synod of New Jersey :*

Your Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions respectfully presents the following report :

The close of the second fiscal year of Synodical Home Missions in New Jersey imposes upon the Treasurer the duty of making a brief presentation to you of the year's work, so far as it has come within the bounds of his office.

This exhibition may naturally assume a three-fold division : reminder of the preparation for the work, statement of the execution of it, and suggestions for the future based upon facts observed in its progress.

At the very beginning of the year, your Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions recommended that the sum of \$13,057 be raised to carry on the work, and that sums reaching in the aggregate \$13,400 should be granted to the several Presbyteries, for use within their boundaries. The excess of looked-for expenditure over desired income seemed warranted by the balance of \$4,617.35 to the credit of the Synodical Home Mission Fund at the close of the first year. The recommendations so made by the Committee were by you adopted, and their apportionment among the Presbyteries of the sum to be raised, and their allotment of the sums to be used, received your sanction. The particulars of such apportionment and allotment will be found in Schedules 1 and 2, hereunder written :

##### SCHEDULES 1 AND 2.

	Contributions asked to Oct. 1, 1888.	Sums allotted to Oct 1, 1888.
Elizabeth, . . . . .	\$2,128 00	\$300 00
Jersey City, . . . . .	1,149 00	1,900 00
Monmouth, . . . . .	1,012 00	3,500 00
Morris and Orange, . . . . .	2,173 00	1,300 00
Newark, . . . . .	2,266 00	1,500 00
New Brunswick, . . . . .	2,143 00	550 00
Newton, . . . . .	1,100 00	850 00
West Jersey, . . . . .	1,086 00	3,500 00
	<hr/> \$13,057 00	<hr/> \$13,400 00

In the prosecution of the work for which preparation was thus made, the following contributions have been received :

Elizabeth, . . . . .	From 25 churches,	\$1,338 67
Jersey City, . . . . .	" 22 "	1,037 49
Monmouth, . . . . .	" 41 "	1,028 23
Morris and Orange, . . . . .	" 34 "	2,182 97
Newark, . . . . .	" 24 "	1,479 35
New Brunswick, . . . . .	" 33 "	1,179 98
Newton, . . . . .	" 25 "	1,001 48
West Jersey, . . . . .	" 41 "	1,197 53

In addition to these contributions, seven persons, members of churches within the Presbytery of New Brunswick, have given, in different sums, \$963. At least five of these persons bestowed their gifts with the avowed purpose of aiding the Presbytery to supply a deficiency in the amount asked from the churches within that jurisdiction. In Schedule 3,\* hereunder written, will be found the contributions of the year, classified as in the similar schedule appended to the last report, and in Schedule 4,† a comparative statement, by Presbyteries, of the contributions of the churches in the first and second years, which shows, both absolutely and relatively, the number of churches giving, and the amount of their gifts. The sum total of gifts in the second year is \$11,408.70, of which \$10,149.75 came from congregations, \$193.95 from Sabbath-schools, \$102 from Missionary societies and \$963 from individual donors.

In this connection it is worthy of remark that the receipts of the Board of Home Missions from the churches of New Jersey, in the twelve-month ending March 31st, 1887, were \$37,583.98, which, so far as work in the country at large was concerned, were reduced to \$28,389.74 by payments to Missionaries laboring in this State, while in the twelvemonth ending March 31st, 1888, they were \$37,506.61, reduced by payments of a similar nature only to \$35,627.44; and that in the same times the gatherings of the churches for work within the confines of the State and Synod reached, respectively, \$2,830.50, and \$10,405.18.

In the further prosecution of the year's work the Presbyteries have drawn upon the Synodical Home Mission Fund to aid in maintaining the preaching of the gospel in sixty-eight Mission fields within the borders of the State. One of these fields lies within the bounds of the Presbytery of Elizabeth; nine lie within the Presbytery of Jersey City; seventeen within the Presbytery of Monmouth; seven within the Presbytery of Morris and Orange; four within the Presbytery of Newark; three within the Presbytery of New Brunswick; six within the Presbytery of Newton, and twenty-one within the Presbytery of West Jersey. In supporting Mission work in five of these fields, three Presbyteries have taken advantage of the amendment to the plan adopted at your last meeting, and commonly known as the amendment for paying temporary supplies. During the year

\* See page 51. † See page 55.

your Treasurer has made payments on account of appropriations for the services of Ministers and Missionaries as follows :

Elizabeth, . . . . .	\$300 00
Jersey City, . . . . .	1,675 00
Monmouth, . . . . .	2,724 65
Monmouth Presbyterial Missionary, . . . . .	589 38
Morris and Orange, . . . . .	1,187 50
Newark, . . . . .	907 68
New Brunswick, . . . . .	420 83
Newton, . . . . .	570 83
West Jersey, . . . . .	3,190 83
West Jersey Presbyterial Missionary, . . . . .	618 36
	\$12,185 06

The average of the quarterly payments is a little more than \$3,000.

Your Treasurer has also paid during the year, for printing, \$58.40; for postage, \$14.57, and for the necessary traveling and other expenses of the members of the Permanent Committee in attending their meetings, \$62.38; in all, \$135.35. The expenditures for the second fiscal year are, therefore, in the aggregate, \$12,320.41, and the balance in the Treasurer's hands, at the closing of the books, \$3,705.64. Against this balance we ought, at least in our thoughts, to charge the debts of the several Presbyteries for work fully performed by the Ministers and Missionaries in the last quarter of the year just closed; in this way only can we discover the true balance at the disposal of the Synod. From the orders presented to your Treasurer since the beginning of the third fiscal year, he believes that such debts, now rapidly being discharged, will exceed \$3,000, and that the true balance will be about \$700.

In the Schedule 6,\* hereunder written, will be seen a comparative statement, by Presbyteries, of the payments during the first and second years for the services of Ministers and Missionaries, which shows both absolutely and relatively the number of Mission fields wherein aid was given and received, and the amounts expended. In estimating the true worth of this schedule it must be borne in mind, with even greater care than in considering Schedule 4, that the first fiscal year was much less than a twelve-month. It should further be remembered that the payments in the first quarter of any fiscal year, being in satisfaction of debts for services rendered in the preceding year, are not properly chargeable against the sums allotted for use in the year current. This truth will carry with it the explanation of another matter, to wit: that in a given year the orders honored by the Treasurer, in payment for services rendered within the bounds of a Presbytery, may exceed in amount the sum allotted to such Presbytery for use in that year, and yet the account

\* See page 55.

of the Presbytery not be overdrawn. The case supposed occurred in the year just closed, in the account of the Presbytery of West Jersey, but neither the Presbyterian Committee on Home Missions nor your Treasurer passed beyond the line of their powers.

In the line of suggestions touching the work of the new year, the Treasurer will do nothing more than enumerate a few leading truths, which either are revealed in the narrative of the past year's work, or are plainly inferrable therefrom. To bare statement he is confined by duty and circumstances. Time and space will scarcely suffice for explanation, were it necessary; and with any process of excitation or persuasion he has, as Treasurer, no concern.

In the first place, while the plan of Synodical Home Missions in New Jersey may not be perfect, theoretically or practically, its propriety and feasibility are so proved by experience as to be removed from the realm of debate. Secondly, the importance and needs of Mission work in this State have not been fully known by its own citizens of Presbyterian polity. Notwithstanding the well-known care with which grants from the Synodical fund have been made, the sum disbursed during the year for purely Mission work has exceeded by two thousand dollars the amount which the Board of Home Missions was wont to expend within the boundaries of this Synod in a like time. Thirdly, if due heed be paid to the needs of the work, there is every reason to believe that the drafts upon the fund in the third fiscal year will go beyond twelve thousand five hundred dollars; and, therefore, the true balance in the Treasurer's hands being remembered, not less than twelve thousand dollars should be sought from the churches within the year. Fourthly, the causes to which reference was made in the last report, as conspiring to keep down the measure of gifts, have indeed had less and less operation, as was then predicted. In every Presbytery but one there has been an increase in the number of churches giving; in all but two an increase in their gifts, and in one of these Presbyteries the contributions of individuals have changed a seeming diminution into a real enlargement. Notwithstanding the auspicious facts lastly mentioned, it is, in the fifth place, true that in neither year have the churches attained the standard of liberality which you set before them; had the first year been a twelve-month, and the ratio of giving been maintained throughout the year, the deficit would have been about four thousand dollars; in the second year it has been more than two thousand dollars. It is the province of Synod to adopt, as it is of your Permanent Committee to recommend, such measures as will secure the receiving of the amount needed for the work.

In presenting this report your Treasurer makes no recommendations in the sense in which that word is commonly used in the proceedings of Synod. He hopes, however, that it may be permitted

that he should give an intimation of his wishes on two points. Owing, perhaps, to the sickness and death of the Rev. Jesse B. Davis, your late Stated Clerk, the amount which each Presbytery was authorized to draw for the second fiscal year was not certified to the Treasurer, as required by the plan ; nevertheless, as already appears, he has regularly honored the orders of the Chairmen of the several Presbyterial Committees. After the rising of Synod in October last it nowhere appeared upon the Minutes that your resolve, authorizing the payment of the actual and necessary expenses of the members of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions, was retrospective, yet, as there was entire concurrence of opinion among all whom your Treasurer had opportunity to consult that such was your intention, he has paid the bills of such expenses for the year 1886-7, so far as the same have been presented to him. Should his action in these affairs seem right in your eyes, he would be glad if that which he has done should be ratified by you at the present meeting.

All these matters are respectfully submitted this sixteenth day of October, A.D. eighteen hundred and eighty-eight.

ELMER EWING GREEN,  
*Treasurer.*



SCHEDULE 3.

Referred to in the foregoing report as thereunder written.

*Contributions to the work of Synodical Home Missions during the year ending October 1st, 1888.*

FROM THE CONGREGATIONS AND OTHERS IN THE PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH.		FROM THE CONGREGATIONS AND OTHERS IN THE PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY.	
	Congregations, Schools,		Congregations, Schools,
	Societies.		Societies.
Basking Ridge, . . . . .	\$75 00	Arlington, . . . . .	\$9 70
Bayonne City, 1st, . . . . .		Avondale, . . . . .	
Bethlehem, . . . . .	2 00	Bergen, . . . . .	61 00
Clarksville, . . . . .	65 00	Carlstadt, . . . . .	
Clinton, . . . . .	50 00	Claremont, . . . . .	12 00
Connecticut Farms, . . . . .	40 00	Englewood, . . . . .	236 00
Cranford, . . . . .	5 00	"    Calvary Church, . . . . .	6 00
Dunellen, . . . . .	161 14	Hackensack, . . . . .	20 00
Elizabeth, 1st, . . . . .		"    Bethesda Church, . . . . .	45 00
"    2d, . . . . .	\$75 00	Jersey City, 1st, . . . . .	20 00
"    3d, . . . . .	20 00	"    2d, . . . . .	8 00
"    1st German, . . . . .	15 00	"    Scotch, . . . . .	
"    Madison Avenue, . . . . .		"    Westminster, . . . . .	
"    Marshall Street, . . . . .	17 36	Newfoundland, . . . . .	14 00
"    Siloam, . . . . .		Norwood, . . . . .	10 00
"    Westminster, . . . . .	142 20	Passaic, . . . . .	\$36 13
Lamington, . . . . .	41 00	"    Dundee Church, . . . . .	
Liberty Corner, . . . . .	10 00	"    German Evangelical, . . . . .	39 60
Lower Valley, . . . . .	35 72	Patterson, 1st, . . . . .	65 00
Metuchen, . . . . .	39 00	"    2d, . . . . .	200 00
Perth Amboy, . . . . .	21 14	"    1st German, . . . . .	
Plainfield, 1st, . . . . .	200 00	"    Broadway German, . . . . .	10 00
"    Crescent Avenue, . . . . .	9 20	"    East Side, . . . . .	4 00
Pluckamin, . . . . .	31 10	"    Church of the Redeemer, . . . . .	
Rahway, 1st, . . . . .	135 00	"    Westminster, . . . . .	126 75
"    2d, . . . . .	3 00	Rutherford, . . . . .	
"    German, . . . . .	67 25	"    Lyndhurst Church, . . . . .	
Roselle, . . . . .	30 00	Tenafly, . . . . .	3 25
Springfield, . . . . .	37 56	"    Weehawken, . . . . .	81 00
Westfield, . . . . .		West Hoboken, . . . . .	
Woodbridge, . . . . .		"    Chapel, . . . . .	25 00
		West Milford, . . . . .	

FROM THE CONGREGATIONS AND OTHERS IN THE PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.		Cong.	S. S.	Soc.
Allentown, . . . . .		\$45 00		
Asbury Park, . . . . .		35 00		
Barnegat, . . . . .		9 00		
Bass River, . . . . .		5 00		
Beverly, . . . . .		37 03		
Bordentown, . . . . .		26 00		
Burlington, . . . . .		55 11		
Bustleton, Providence, . . . . .		5 80		
Columbus, . . . . .		11 74		
Cranbury, 1st, . . . . .		80 00		
"    2d, . . . . .		99 41		
Cream Ridge, . . . . .		5 50	\$8 00	
Delanco, . . . . .		6 00		
Englishtown, . . . . .				
Farmingdale, . . . . .		12 00		
Forked River, . . . . .		26 40		
Freehold, 1st, . . . . .		75 03		
Hightstown, . . . . .		73 25		
Holmanville, Hope Chapel, . . . . .		11 71		
Jacksonville, . . . . .		3 13		
Jamesburg, . . . . .		65 09		
Keyport, . . . . .		4 00		
Lakewood, . . . . .		30 30		
Long Branch, . . . . .				\$12 00
Manalapan, . . . . .		24 22		
Manasquan, . . . . .		21 06		
Manchester, . . . . .		10 00		
Matawan, . . . . .				
Mount Holly, . . . . .		24 00	1 00	
Ocean Beach, . . . . .		7 20		
Oceanic, . . . . .		14 00		
Perrineville, . . . . .				
Plattsburg, . . . . .		3 20		
Plumstead, . . . . .		3 00		
Point Pleasant, . . . . .		6 03		
Red Bank, . . . . .		20 00		
Riverton, Calvary, . . . . .		13 18		
Sayreville, German, . . . . .		17 00		
Shamong, . . . . .		11 56		
Shrewsbury, . . . . .		28 00		
South Amboy, . . . . .		9 00		
Trenton, . . . . .		47 93		

  

FROM THE CONGREGATIONS AND OTHERS IN THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.		Cong.	S. S.	Soc.
Summit, . . . . .		\$128 26		
Whippany, . . . . .		13 00		
Wyoming, . . . . .		6 90		

  

FROM THE CONGREGATIONS AND OTHERS IN THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.		Cong.	S. S.	Soc.
Bloomfield, 1st, . . . . .		129 65		
"    German, . . . . .		5 00		
"    Westminster, . . . . .		25 00		
Caldwell, . . . . .		35 08		
F. Newark, Knox, . . . . .		20 00		
Lyon's Farms, . . . . .		18 85		
Monclair, 1st, . . . . .		88 00		
"    Trinity, . . . . .		30 00		
Newark, 1st, . . . . .		142 51		
"    2d, . . . . .		171 77		
"    3d, . . . . .		200 00		
"    6th, . . . . .		20 00		
"    1st German, . . . . .		13 50		
"    2d German, . . . . .		20 00		
"    3d German, . . . . .		15 00		
"    Bethany, . . . . .		25 00		
"    Calvary, . . . . .		26 00		
"    Central, . . . . .				
"    High Street, . . . . .		138 73		
"    Memorial, . . . . .		15 40		
"    Park, . . . . .				
"    Plane Street, . . . . .		3 00		
"    Roseville, . . . . .		114 86		
"    South Park, . . . . .		200 00		
"    Wickliffe, . . . . .		14 00		
"    Woodside, . . . . .		8 00		

  

FROM THE CONGREGATIONS AND OTHERS IN THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.		Cong.	S. S.	Soc.
Alexandria, 1st, . . . . .		4 00		
Anwell, 1st (Reaville), . . . . .		1 00		
"    2d (Mt. Airy), . . . . .		11 66		
"    United 1st (Ringoes), . . . . .		3 00		
Bound Brook, . . . . .		25 00		\$22 00

FROM THE CONGREGATIONS AND OTHERS IN THE PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.		FROM THE CONGREGATIONS AND OTHERS IN THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.	
Toms River, . . . . .	15 00	Dayton, . . . . .	30 00
Tuckerton, . . . . .	10 00	Dutch Neck, . . . . .	35 00
Whiting, . . . . .		Ewing, . . . . .	21 94
		Flemington, . . . . .	75 00
		Frenchtown, . . . . .	30 00
		Hamilton Square, . . . . .	6 00
		Holland, . . . . .	5 00
		Hopewell, . . . . .	6 25
		Kingston, . . . . .	10 00
		Kingwood, . . . . .	2 00
		Lambertville, . . . . .	42 00
		Lawrenceville, . . . . .	30 00
		Milford, . . . . .	29 00
		New Brunswick, 1st, . . . . .	34 48
		" 2d, . . . . .	5 00
		Pennington, . . . . .	25 00
		Princeton, 1st, . . . . .	10 57
		" 2d, . . . . .	48 21
		" Witherspoon Street, . . . . .	7 80
		Ringoes, Kirkpatrick Memorial, . . . . .	
		Stockton, . . . . .	3 00
		Titusville, . . . . .	12 00
		Trenton, 1st, . . . . .	26 00
		" 2d, . . . . .	292 54
		" 3d, . . . . .	27 07
		" 4th, . . . . .	100 00
		" 5th, . . . . .	30 00
		" Bethany, . . . . .	7 00
		" Prospect Street, . . . . .	11 00
			142 30
FROM THE CONGREGATIONS AND OTHERS IN THE PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.		FROM INDIVIDUALS.	
		F. L. Janeway, New Brunswick, 1st, . . . . .	\$500 00
		Miss J. Alexander, Princeton, 2d, . . . . .	100 00
		W. S. Stryker, " . . . . .	50 00
		C. S. Green, " . . . . .	50 00
		C. E. Green, " . . . . .	188 00
		A. G. Richey, " Prospect Street, . . . . .	25 00
			50 00
FROM THE CONGREGATIONS AND OTHERS IN THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.			963 00
		Andover, . . . . .	6 02
		Asbury, . . . . .	75 00

Berkshire Valley, . . . . .	3 00		
Boonton, . . . . .	30 00		
Chatham, . . . . .	55 50		
Chester, . . . . .	10 00		
Dover, . . . . .	68 68		
" Welsh, . . . . .	2 33		
East Orange, 1st, . . . . .	230 84		
" " Elmwood Church, . . . . .			
Fairmount, . . . . .	9 08		
Flanders, . . . . .			
German Valley, . . . . .	25 00		
Hanover, 1st, . . . . .	38 00		
Madison, . . . . .	150 00		
Mendham, 1st, . . . . .	98 00		
" 2d, . . . . .	15 00		
Mine Hill, . . . . .	10 00		
Morris Plains, . . . . .			
Morristown, 1st, . . . . .	121 55		
" South St., . . . . .	225 00		
Mount Freedom, . . . . .	10 74		
Mount Olive, . . . . .	5 00		
Myersville, German, . . . . .	10 00		
New Providence, . . . . .	11 00		
New Vernon, . . . . .	21 00		
Orange, 1st, . . . . .	231 90		
" 2d, . . . . .	167 52		
" Bethel, . . . . .	19 17		
" Central, . . . . .	250 00		
" German, . . . . .			
" St. Cloud, . . . . .	7 40		
Orange Valley, . . . . .			
Parsippany, . . . . .			
Pleasant Dale, German, . . . . .			
Pleasant Grove, . . . . .	5 00		
Rockaway, . . . . .	20 00		
Schooley's Mountain, . . . . .	20 10		
South Orange, . . . . .	103 73		
Strling, . . . . .			
Succasunna, . . . . .	24 67		

	Cong.	S. S.	Soc.
Beatystown, . . . . .	\$70 00		
Belvidere, 1st, . . . . .			
"    2d, . . . . .			
Blairstown, . . . . .	181 82		
Bloomsbury, . . . . .	29 64		
Branchville, . . . . .	35 00		
Danville, . . . . .	10 00		
Deckertown, . . . . .	18 00		
Delaware, . . . . .	10 00		
Greenwich, . . . . .	25 00		
Hackettstown, . . . . .	125 00		
Harmony, . . . . .	15 00		
Hope, . . . . .			
Johnsborough, Yellow Frame, . . . . .	10 47		
Knowlton, . . . . .			
Lafayette, . . . . .	10 00		
Mansfield, 2d, . . . . .			
Markshoro, . . . . .			
Montana, . . . . .			
Musconetcong Valley, . . . . .	125 00		
Newton, . . . . .			
N. Hardiston, . . . . .		\$5 00	
Oxford, 1st (Belvidere), . . . . .	33 00		
"    2d (Oxford), . . . . .	4 00		
Papakating, . . . . .	15 00		
Phillipsburg, 1st, . . . . .	13 71		
"    Westminster, . . . . .	15 00		
Sparta, . . . . .			
Stanhope, . . . . .	43 50		
Stewarville, . . . . .	16 00		
Stillwater, . . . . .			
Swartswood, . . . . .			
Wantage, 1st (Deckertown), . . . . .	10 00		
"    2d (Peemerville), . . . . .	100 00		
Washington, . . . . .			
FROM THE CONGREGATIONS AND OTHERS IN			
THE PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.			
Absecon, . . . . .			
Atco, . . . . .	10 00	5 00	
Atlantic City, 1st, . . . . .	84 00		
"    German, . . . . .	4 50		
Berlin, . . . . .			
Billingsport, . . . . .	\$25 00		
Blackwoodtown, . . . . .	14 15		
Bridgeton, 1st, . . . . .	32 00		
"    2d, . . . . .	60 00		
"    West, . . . . .	63 04		
Bunker Hill, . . . . .	33 00		
Camden, 1st, . . . . .	150 00		
"    2d, . . . . .	60 00		
"    3d, . . . . .			
Cape Island, . . . . .	31 00		
Cedarville, 1st, . . . . .	30 00		
"    2d, . . . . .	4 00		
Clayton, . . . . .	80 00		
Cold Spring, . . . . .	10 00		
Deerfield, . . . . .	35 00		
Elmer, . . . . .	12 00		
Elwood, Brainerd, . . . . .	14 00		
Fairfield, . . . . .	20 36		
Glassboro, . . . . .		\$5 00	
Gloucester City, . . . . .	7 00		
Green Creek, . . . . .	4 00		
Greenwich, . . . . .	51 00		
Haddonfield, . . . . .	25 00		
Hammonton, . . . . .	26 00		\$7 00
Janvier, . . . . .	15 00		
Jericho, . . . . .	6 00		
Leed's Point, . . . . .			5 00
May's Landing, . . . . .	4 80		
Merchantville, . . . . .	15 00		
Millville, . . . . .	8 28		
Pittsgrove, . . . . .	40 00		
Pleasantville, . . . . .	6 00		
Salem, . . . . .	50 00		
Swedesboro, . . . . .	16 40		11 00
Tuckahoe, . . . . .	10 00		
Vineland, . . . . .	30 00		
Waterford, . . . . .			10 00
Wenonah, . . . . .			20 00
Williamstown, . . . . .	21 00		
Woodbury, . . . . .			27 00
Woodstown, . . . . .			

SCHEDULE 4.

Referred to in the foregoing report as thereunder written.

*Contributions by Presbyteries, during the first\* and second years, compared.*

PRESBYTERY.	Number of Churches giving in		Increase or Decrease.	Gifts in 1886-7.	Gifts in 1887-8.	Increase or Decrease.
	1886-7.	1887-8.				
Elizabeth, . . . . .	16	25	9	\$1,000 62	\$1,338 67	\$338 05
Jersey City, . . . . .	23	22	D 1	1,127 44	1,037 49	D 89 95
Monmouth, . . . . .	30	41	11	783 32	1,028 23	244 91
Morris and Orange, . . . . .	28	34	6	1,391 10	2,182 97	791 87
Newark, . . . . .	14	24	10	775 42	1,479 35	703 93
New Brunswick, . . . . .	29	33	4	1,382 59	{ 1,179 98 †963 00	202 61
Newton, . . . . .	18	25	7	{ 350 98 †95 16	1,001 48	555 34
West Jersey, . . . . .	35	41	6	783 81	1,197 53	413 72

\* It must ever be remembered that the first year was not a twelve-month.  
 † Seven persons, members of churches in this Presbytery, contributed \$963.  
 ‡ This sum was contributed by the Presbytery.

SCHEDULE 6.

Referred to in the foregoing report as thereunder written.

*Payments, on account of appropriations for services, made during the first\* and second years, compared by Presbyteries.*

PRESBYTERY.	No. of Churches where aid was received.		Increase or Decrease.	Payments in 1886-7.	Payments in 1887-8.	Increase or Decrease.
	1886-7	1887-8				
Elizabeth, . . . . .		1	1		\$300 00	\$300 00
Jersey City, . . . . .	4	9	5	\$310 83	1,675 00	1,364 17
Monmouth, . . . . .	13	17	4	†1,478 73	†3,314 03	1,835 30
Morris and Orange, . . . . .	7	7		324 17	1,187 50	863 33
Newark, . . . . .	1	4	3	34 93	907 68	872 74
New Brunswick, . . . . .	2	3	1	100 00	420 83	320 83
Newton, . . . . .	2	6	4	175 00	570 83	395 83
West Jersey, . . . . .	15	21	6	†1,099 00	†3,809 19	2,710 19

\* It must ever be remembered that the first year was not a twelve-month.  
 † These sums include the salaries of the Presbyterial Missionaries.

## SUMMARY OF ACCOUNT

*For the year ending October 1st, 1888.*

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To balance from last year, . . . . .	\$4,617 35
contributions during the year from congregations, .	10,149 75
"    "    "    "    Sabbath-schools,	193 95
"    "    "    "    societies, . . . . .	102 00
"    "    "    "    individuals, . .	963 00
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	\$16,026 05

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By payments for services of Ministers or Missionaries, .	\$12,185 06
payments for printing, postage, traveling and other expenses, . . . . .	<hr/> 135 35
	\$12,320 41
Balance to next year, . . . . .	<hr/> 3,705 64
	\$16,026 05

ELMER EWING GREEN,  
*Treasurer.*

V.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON WORK AMONG THE GERMANS.

Your Committee on Work among the Germans would report that there are within the bounds of our Synod fifteen German churches, with a membership of 1,982, according to the Minutes of the Assembly, and a Sabbath-school membership of 2,880, which is a gain over last year of one church, 184 communicants and 380 in Sabbath-school membership. To these fifteen churches were added, on examination, 271, a gain of forty-nine. To these should be added a new enterprise, not yet organized into a church, in the city of Camden, under the care of an ordained German minister, which is doing an efficient and exceedingly promising work.

These churches are distributed as follows :

Presbyteries.	Churches.	Membership.	Membership Sabbath-school.	Added on Examination.
Elizabeth, . . . . .	2	407	397	80
Jersey City, . . . . .	4	349	645	51
Monmouth, . . . . .	1	85	100	16
Morris and Orange, . .	3	274	288	34
Newark, . . . . .	4	801	1,350	80
West Jersey, . . . . .	1	63	100	10
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	15	1,982	2,880	271

The German Theological School of Newark, located at Bloomfield, reported in its last annual statement thirty students, seventeen in the Academic Department and thirteen in the Theological, three of whom have since been graduated. The Academic students, as well as the Theological, have in purpose the study of Theology. The present membership of the school is thirty-three, three more than last year.

It is gratifying to notice that the average addition to each church, on examination and confession of faith in Christ, is eighteen new members.

The German population, within the bounds of this Synod, is probably considerably over 100,000. We all know the character of this people, independent, intelligent, industrious; but we also know that among them are elements and ideas which are full of peril to all the institutions which, as Christians and as Christian-citizens, we hold dear.

The only way, it seems to your Committee, in which these perils can be warded off, is by means of a body of well-trained, thoroughly-equipped and consecrated men, who shall, as Germans, go and labor among the German-speaking population.

Your Committee would therefore most earnestly commend to the Christian sympathy and hearty support of the churches our German brethren in the ministry and the institution at Bloomfield, whose influence and work have already been productive of so much good in this State and in other parts of the land.

ALBERT ERDMAN,  
JOSEPH S. VANDYKE,  
*Committee.*



## VI.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GATHERING AND PRESERVING HISTORICAL MATERIALS.

In the report of your Committee at the last meeting of Synod, it was felt that the work for which it was constituted had been substantially accomplished, and not until a few days since was it known that any further report was expected. In the past year Dr. William T. Findley has discovered a fragment of the old Minutes of the Synod of Newark covering the space of a few years, about 1839.

The distant Presbytery of Corisco, which was constituted in 1860, informs us that its minutes are complete, and that a history of the Presbytery has been prepared by the Rev. Robert H. Nassau, M.D., which has been published, and copies are to be presented to the members of the Synod at this meeting.

The Presbytery of New Brunswick celebrated the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its organization, at Lawrenceville, October 2d, 1888. The recent destruction of the First Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, by fire, prevented the Presbytery from holding the celebration in that city, where it was constituted "Aug. 8th, 1738, at 3 o'clock Post Meridiem," when "Mr. Gilbert Tennent opened the Presbytery by a sermon from John 21, 15. Mr. [John] Cross chosen Moderator and Mr. [Samuel] Blair, Clerk." The anniversary exercises consisted of addresses by the Rev. W. H. Green, D.D., on the Foundation and History of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, by the Rev. H. C. Cameron, D.D., on the Formation and Early History of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and the Foundation of the College of New Jersey and its Relation to the Presbytery and to the Church, by the Rev. G. S. Mott, D.D., on the Presbytery of Raritan, which was united substantially with the Presbytery of New Brunswick in 1870; Reminiscences of the Presbytery and its Distinguished Members, by the Rev. Geo. Hale, D.D., who was licensed by the Presbytery in its centennial year (1838), and most interesting statistics as to its Ministers and Churches, with other important matters, gathered from the Minutes by the Rev. A. L. Armstrong, the Stated Clerk.

In April, 1888, the Rev. Edward B. Hodge read to the Presbytery of Monmouth a history of the extinct Presbytery of Burlington, and the Rev. T. Wilson also read a history of the Presbytery of Monmouth from its organization until its re-organization in 1870.

The Presbytery of West Jersey is making preparations to celebrate its semi-centennial in November, 1889. The Historical Sketch of the Synod, by the Rev. Allen H. Brown, has been published according to the order of the Synod, and has been distributed, as far as possible, to the members of the Synod. It is recommended:

1. That copies be sent to the Clerks of the Presbyteries of the Church, and that the remaining copies be kept by the Stated Clerk and the Rev. Allen H. Brown, for distribution among Libraries and Historical Societies and for further demands.

2. Your Committee would also recommend that the Trustees of the Princeton Theological Seminary be requested, if possible, to have a fire-proof vault prepared in the Library at Princeton, and to grant permission to deposit therein the completed volumes of the Minutes of the Synod, and also to grant similar permission to those of the Presbyteries who may be willing to place their Minutes in a place that shall be secure and readily accessible to all who may be interested in the history of our Church. It is also suggested that all MS. histories of Presbyteries and churches be deposited in the same place if permission can be obtained.

3. In connection with the sketch of the Synod, a new electrotype map of the Synod, with numerous additions and corrections, has been prepared. The cost of this plate, and of the 1250 impressions struck from it, was not included in the expense of publishing the sketch of the Synod. It is recommended that the Treasurer of the Synod be directed to pay this bill, amounting to \$27.98.

On behalf of the Committee,

HENRY C. CAMERON,

*Chairman.*

ASBURY PARK, N. J., October 16th, 1888.

## VII.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

A survey of Sabbath Observance within the bounds of the Synod of New Jersey, discloses these facts :

The Law and Order Leagues, where they are organized, are more or less active in prosecuting their work, which consists mainly in closing drinking saloons on the Sabbath. This object has been greatly aided by those sections of the Temperance Bill enacted last winter, relating to the sale of liquor on Sunday. The effect of that legislation in our cities is marked, so that but few saloons, as compared with former years, venture to run the risk of incurring the penalty inflicted for a violation of the law, and it is sincerely to be desired that this law, in its essential features, shall remain, and that endeavors to obtain a repeal shall meet most decided opposition. Also, grand juries, in several counties of the State, have devoted special attention to violations of the Sabbath law respecting the sale of liquor.

However wise and beneficent any legislation may be, respecting Sabbath observance, this is one of those questions so largely ethical and moral that the enforcement of the law depends mostly upon localities. Hence, Sabbath desecration may show itself in a specific and violent form in one part of the Synod, while that particular feature of it hardly appears elsewhere in the State. There are three special modes, each of which is largely local, but together they reach all parts of the Synod, and so come within the animadversion of this body. There is, 1st, *the desecration of the Lord's day in the cities*, in the selling of strong drink, cigars, confectionery and some kinds of merchandise. This violation of the law must be dealt with by the citizens themselves. It is the bounden duty of Christians residing in those cities to combine and demand that the laws shall be observed. They must be held responsible, unless they make earnest and continued endeavor for this end. There is, 2d, *a desecration by excursion trains from the cities to points on the seashore*. At Gloucester, especially, the disorders have been so shameful as to reflect ignominiously upon the officials for their indifference in not maintaining the majesty of the law. The Christians in those places should feel that the work assigned them is to protect the Sabbath within their own territory. There is, 3d, as your Committee is informed, in some agricultural districts a growing custom *to take cream to creameries and cheese-factories on the Sabbath*. Now this may be absolutely necessary, or it may be the result of a weakened sentiment about the observance of the Lord's Day. There should be Christian conscience sufficiently enlightened and loyal to the Sabbath to decide this question. This

is the duty of church members, pastors and Presbyteries where this practice prevails.

Christians, and, indeed, all who think enough of the Sabbath to have it maintained, must now take into serious consideration this point—*how much should the individual give up that we may have the Sabbath?* Not by resolution and speeches shall we remove most of the desecration of the day. Christians must abstain from the Sunday ride, the Sunday jaunt, and do without some luxury on the table. If we demand that labor shall cease on the Sabbath, then we must not create an inducement to labor on that day. Most of those who furnish luxuries for the table, or hire out carriages, or keep their stores open, would gladly rest if their fellow-citizens would permit them, and not really compel them to do things which trespass on holy time. If labor is willing to forego its profits on the Sabbath, then pleasure should be willing to deny itself. The individual, in enjoying his Sunday, may not deprive his fellow of the same privilege. And Christ's professed followers, before all others, are bound to set the example of such self-denial. If they will not deny themselves and take up a cross, who shall do it? All things are ready for Christians to take a firm stand on the side of the Sabbath.

A hopeful advance has been made in the formation of an Inter-denominational Committee on Sabbath Observance. If the Christians of this country will combine, they will not only cover the land, but they will comprise so large a part of our influential population, as that their voice and demands must soon secure what is wise and just. The projectors of this Committee have in view an earnest deliverance in favor of Sabbath observance, and to unite the forces of American Christianity to resist the invasion of the weekly day of rest of the citizen, and the day for worship. The first meeting of this Committee will be held in Chicago, November 22d. The Methodist Church, North and South, the Presbyterian Church, North and South, the Baptist Church, North, the Reformed (Dutch) Church, and the Congregational are now represented on this Committee. As an ally of this movement, we may regard the efforts made to secure a national law to prohibit Sunday work in the mail and military service and in inter-state commerce. Of this our last General Assembly heartily approved (Minutes 1888, p. 59). Such a concerted action in Church and State, if wisely prosecuted, cannot fail of most desirable results.

Your Committee recommend the following resolutions :

1. We call upon all the members of our churches, and upon all friends of the Sabbath, to use their influence in every lawful way to prevent such legislation as would weaken the present enactments respecting the sale of liquor on the Sabbath.

2. We earnestly exhort our churches and Presbyteries to do all in their power to remove that special form of Sabbath desecration which may be the crying evil within their bounds.

3. We implore our Ministers and church members to take into most earnest consideration, whether, by some mode of self-indulgence, they are not setting an example of Sabbath desecration which encourages others, in more flagrant ways, to disregard the sacredness of the day.

4. We request the representatives of this State, who shall be in Congress, to take such measures as shall prevent drills and military parades in the time of peace, in the army and navy, on the Sabbath, and to bring the mail service within such limits, on the Sabbath, as shall prevent the need of any work, not imperatively required, for the general public.

GEORGE S. MOTT,  
*Chairman of Committee.*

### VIII.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SIMULTANEOUS MEETINGS.

The Special Committee of Synod, upon Simultaneous Meetings in the interest of Foreign-Missions, respectfully report :

Your Committee were appointed at the Camden meeting of 1886, "to take into consideration the feasibility of the adoption, by this Synod, of some such method as the 'February Simultaneous Meetings' so successfully adopted by the Church Missionary Society throughout England; said Committee to report at the next meeting of Synod, and, if possible, to inaugurate such an undertaking within the current year." At the meeting of Synod in 1887, your Committee presented a report showing that we had taken the matter into consideration as instructed, and had decided to inaugurate Simultaneous Meetings upon the field of Synod, during the week November 13-19 of the same year; and exhibiting so much of the detail of our work as was by that time within sight. (See *Minutes of Synod, 1887*, pp. 100-104.) In view of this report, Synod directed us "to complete the work, . . . to collate results, and to embody them in a Report, to be presented to Synod next year;" and empowered us "to fill vacancies now [Oct. 1887] existing in the Committee."

The vacancies caused by the death of Dr. Brodhead and the resignation of Mr. Rankin, were at once filled by the election of the Rev. Drs. P. F. Leavens and J. W. Teal. It is proper also to add here the names of other brethren selected by their respective Presbyteries as special coöperative committees, without whose energetic labors the work intrusted to your Committee could not have been accomplished: *Elizabeth*: Rev. E. B. Cobb, Elder E. W. Martin; *Jersey City*: Rev. I. W. Hathaway, Elder C. A. DeWitt; *Monmouth*: Rev. Drs. D. McLaren, J. S. Van Dyke, F. T. Brown, Rev. E. B. Hodge, Elders A. A. Howell, M.D., W. R. Murphy; *Morris and Orange*: T. F. White, D.D., Rev. W. F. Whitaker, Elders T. Little and J. W. Conrow; *Newark*: Rev. H. W. Ballantine, J. P. Wilson, D.D.; *New Brunswick*: Rev. Messrs. H. G. Hinsdale, W. A. Brooks, W. J. McKnight, D.D., Elders F. J. Slade, Charles E. Green; *Newton*: H. S. Butler, D.D., Rev. A. H. Young, Eld. D. R. Hull; *West Jersey*: Rev. Messrs. G. W. Tomson, M. A. Brownson, C. Park, Eld. H. O. Hildebrand.

I. Of the completion of our preparations, sufficient details will appear in our treasurer's report. The Simultaneous Meetings were held, throughout the State. There can have been but few places where our churches are located, which did not in one form of Meetings or another, observe the appointment. Beyond our Synodical boundaries, indeed, our Meetings were triumphantly convened.

The tidings of our effort had gone abroad to all the missionaries of our Foreign Board ; and quick and grateful response had been read in our churches ; but our missionaries themselves, with overflowing joy, gathered their congregations, or their converts, or their families toiling on in the darkness, and kept Simultaneous Week with their New Jersey brethren. From their point of view our effort itself was a success of Missions.

II. The duty of collating and reporting results which now devolves upon your Committee, is not an easy one. We have to do with results which statistics cannot reveal. We did, indeed, formulate some questions, and put them before our Presbyterial Committees, but the questions themselves did not satisfy us, and unless we had received intelligence from every one of our towns — which we did not — they could not afford much basis for general deductions. Nevertheless we do not despair of giving a report which may serve the great work for which this enterprise has been appointed.

I. In the first place, a Missionary-convention has been held, in consequence of this undertaking, in every church or town of ours, with rare exceptions (we know not many) in this State. This is no mean result. It may be doubted whether such a concert of attention to the Mission-Command of our Lord was ever before secured upon so much territory. It is within our knowledge that there have been some churches thus moved, where such a thing was never before known. We may mention one such church, as old at least as our Reunion, and which, although not very large or strong, has always been in the formal habit of "contributing to the Boards." What an impetus the Simultaneous Week was there ! The people insisted, when they heard of the plan, upon using the whole week for Missions. They influenced significantly the whole community, reaching others than Presbyterians. The leading man in the town yielded up a prejudice against Foreign-Missions. The people are since asking their minister—a man still in advance of them, and to whose hearty sympathy with our enterprise much of this success is due—for frequent missionary sermons. A women's society has been formed, affording a promise of permanent interest. The church's Foreign-Missions column in the Assembly's *Minutes* shows a return to their long-forgotten measure of giving, and more, amounting now to over one dollar per member. This is a church which the "N. S. M." stirred to hold *the first Foreign Missionary meeting in its history*. If we may assume that there have been analagous cases elsewhere in the Synod—and it is eminently probable—who will say that he can see no result from the effort ?

In another church, formed within the year preceding the Meetings ; where no male communicant could be found for the eldership until after its organization ; the Meetings came providentially just after

the Lord had blessed the little church by converting the chief man in the whole community. Under ordinary conditions, Foreign-Missions would not have been made a theme there but for the Simultaneous Week. It was the last place provided by its Presbyterial Committee, and provided with difficulty, with a speaker. The gentleman mentioned confessed afterward: "I have never thought very well of Foreign-Missions; I believed other matters ought to have their place. But you have convinced me; and hereafter I shall do all I can to support the work." It is an instructive commentary upon the inadequacy of statistics to reveal results that by an unimportant mistake, the contribution of this church, in this critical year, fails to appear in its proper column. This also shows how we doubtless miss learning of many a similar case of actual increase both of interest and of funds.

The two instances above cited are from among our rural communities. In one of the cities of the State, where Missionary-interest has been hitherto shown in rather a mechanical way—tolerable collections, busy bands and societies, but a limited sense of personal sympathy with Heathen, with Missionaries, and with our Foreign Board—; the development of the Meetings has been closely interwoven, in God's good providence, with other forces. The Evangelical Ministers of the city, annually uniting in the Week of Prayer only, felt the impetus of our movement; not so much the local Meetings as the general programme, closely followed as it was by another denomination. They adopted our theme, Christ's Mission-Command, for the Week of Prayer last January, and from that time Missions evidently took a new hold on the whole evangelical community. The International Missionary Union was welcomed to the city in July, and a number of persons were led by the impressions then produced to give themselves to the foreign service. New societies were formed in the churches; and among all a sense of personal relation to the missionary work has largely replaced the old perfunctory opening of the purse. Even a general scheme of city-evangelization, immediately attempted and now awaiting repetition, can be distinctly traced to the influences and activities connected with our Meetings.

It is the judgment of your Committee, based on such reports as these, that the directing of our people's attention to the Mission-Command, simultaneously in all our towns, must have been productive of spiritual results which we can never fully bring to light. They will mingle with other influences, and promote our Lord's glory; but He alone will know. As well might a man go down to the Gulf of Mexico and seek to gather out the particular drops of water which once constituted the separate, even the once-conspicuous streams of the Alleghany or the Platte, as to trace the several share of any one of the spiritual agencies which at last flood the lands of Heathendom with the tidings of love.



2. In the second place, an unusual attention has been obtained for one particular and neglected department of preaching, among all our ministry. Synod has honored herself in the discharge of one of her normal functions. Often and often, the supreme judicatory of our Church calls upon the ministry to preach upon a particular theme; this Synod has taken adequate measures to render such a call effective. It is notorious, that the Bible-doctrine, in loyalty to which all our missionary boards have been organized, does not receive its fair share of preaching, among the doctrines of Christian theology. Synod has made an effort to stimulate this neglected preaching; and she has succeeded. It may be doubted whether any mandate of any Synod in the Church has had so loyal honor from its ministry within the year, as the resolution of 1886 to hold simultaneous meetings, in this Synod of New-Jersey. Nor was it an unwilling or perfunctory service. The hearty response made to your Committee's preliminary report before Synod last year; the eager purchase of mission-literature in the vestibule immediately after that report; the groups of ministers and laymen seen traveling up and down the State during the Simultaneous Week; the earnest and scholarly addresses made; these are evidences of the hold that Synod has upon her ministry, and of the affectionate fellowship which delights all our hearts.

3. These results; the fact that Simultaneous Meetings have been held, and the fact of special missionary study and preaching obtained; are satisfactory returns to your Committee and we believe to all participants, for their labor now past. It was hardly in the nature of the enterprise, to stimulate an immediate large increase in contributions. Collections at the Meetings were ruled out; nor was there any effort to create a mere impulse of enthusiasm. The whole undertaking looked away from money, seeking only to implant new convictions and perceptions and leave them to grow. Had our work been done among a mercurial population, a sudden influx of funds might have resulted; but it would have been the evidence of sudden feeling, not of deep convictions.

Nevertheless, our columns show an increase; more than last year, more than the average of recent years. The Board's Report credits us with a contribution of \$45,614, against \$40,861 in 1886-87, a gain of \$4,753 this year over last, but a smaller gain than there was then (\$102) over the preceding year. But the Board's Report omits from its comparative statement the receipts from women's societies, which would again modify our conclusions. Using the tables of the Assembly's *Minutes*, we find our total for 1887-88, \$80,057, an increase of \$9,616 over 1886-87, but not an increase over the next preceding year, 1885-86, when Synod gave its highest figure, \$81,399. A further examination of these statistical tables, however, has led us to conclude that it is wasted labor for any such purposes as ours.

Since the beginning of the decade, these figures may not indeed be said to have lied, as figures never can do, but they have certainly danced. The first year of the decade, 1880-81, our Synodical Foreign-Missions column shows a decrease over the preceding year of \$4,494; the second (1881-82), an increase of \$7,823; the third an increase of \$4,734; the fourth a decrease of \$3,001; the fifth a decrease of \$861; the sixth an increase of \$36,699; the seventh a decrease of \$9,958; and this past year, 1887-88, an increase of \$9,616. Who will trust important conclusions to the probabilities of such geomancy and gyromancy as this? Is it not time that we gave over studying up catalogues and gave ourselves with no doubtful mind to the fuller development, in the missionary work as well as in other works, of our ecclesiastical machinery?

4. Before we conclude our view of results, it is important to observe what watchful and competent judges apart from the Synod, have said of our Simultaneous Meetings. Among these, first of all the place where its results would be most needed, and most carefully examined, would be the Mission-House of our Foreign Board. Secretary Gillespie wrote us just after the Meetings (Nov. 28, 1887): "The impression in the Mission-House is, that they have been a great success. The pastors have been greatly stirred, and the people, so far as I was able to observe, seemed to be interested. I look confidently for great results, both spiritually and in gifts to our treasury." This opinion was followed up, by the following official comments in the Foreign department of "The Church At Home and Abroad," January, 1888, pp. 65 and 78: "From the statements sent to us from different quarters it is plain that the November Meetings were on the whole a success. Throughout the whole State of New-Jersey they were held according to the published programmes, and although the attendance was not large in any one 'center,' yet everywhere the cause of Missions received a new impulse." . . . "The Simultaneous Meetings by the Synod of New-Jersey, were attended by a development of study and prayer, *the like of which was certainly never before seen in our Church*!"

We find equally confident report of our success in still higher quarters. The General Assembly of our Church, just after our Plan of Meetings was determined upon, in May, 1887, recommended Simultaneous Meetings to the whole Church, saying (*G. A. Minutes 1887*, p. 89): "For such Meetings the Synod of New-Jersey has made ample preparation." The recommendation met with but little response among the Synods; but the Assembly of this year repeats it (*G. A. Minutes 1888*, p. 84), and adds of us again: "Such an arrangement made and carried out by the Synod of New-Jersey last year, was greatly fruitful."

This good opinion on the part of the Assembly, has received and is receiving practical sanction elsewhere in the Church. It was in

the sight of these views of the Board and the Assembly concerning the New-Jersey effort, that the Synod of Minnesota appointed a committee last year to organize Simultaneous Meetings for this Fall, on their territory. A widespread inquiry from other Synods, and large Presbyteries, is coming to us, as it did from various Presbyteries last year, concerning our work. This inquiry is not limited to our denomination. The Newark M. E. Conference in our own State used our Plan last year, and are at this moment (Oct. 14-20) engrossed with it again as an ecclesiastical enterprise. The Congregationalists of California have just given it (Oct. 10) a chief place in the discussions of their State-Association.

In view of the advantages which we thus discern in the Simultaneous Meetings of the Synod last year, and having regard to the recommendation of the Assembly to all her Synods with their Presbyteries to adopt and operate a similar work; your Committee feel constrained to suggest that Simultaneous Meetings be appointed by Synod for 1889. We can hardly do less than this. It is the strong desire at the Mission-House, that the Assembly's recommendations (1887 and 1888) of Simultaneous Meetings, shall be given a thorough opportunity throughout the Church. It is a grand conception. Indications are abundant, that it touches the heart of the whole Church. Synods are acting upon it. In the month now rapidly approaching, some will be burdened with its labors; and there would seem to be an element of discouragement for them, to find the Synod which first attempted this method of mission-culture, withdrawing from further use of it. We have been accorded an honorable rank in this matter; shall not our further course maintain so good a name? The call upon the Church to raise One Million of Dollars for Foreign-Missions - a call every way necessary and judicious—puts upon every Synod, upon us of New-Jersey, the instant duty of vigorous action. What shall we do? We know this method, and have the skill of experience. Is there anything better? It was argued by the Permanent Committee of Synod last year, that "to meet the demands of the cause as set forth by the Assembly's request," would "require an addition of thirty-five per cent to the gifts of 1886-87; as a Synod we should advance from \$63,581.37 to \$85,831.58." This year, marked by our Simultaneous Meetings, has brought us almost up to the measure of that advance: to \$80,057. Can we do better than repeat our work which has been accompanied with this result?

III. But your Committee would go one step further. The appointment of a Committee on Simultaneous Missionary Meetings in 1886, and the carrying out of these Meetings in 1887, has indicated the mind of Synod as sensible of a responsibility to develop Missionary interest, activity and generosity within her bounds, *through the Church-courts*. This sense of responsibility has been acted upon.

The Synodical Committee has obtained coöperation from similar Committees of the Presbyteries ; and these again from the Church-Sessions ; and the result has been "a development of study and prayer the like of which was certainly never before seen in our Church."

Why should not this method of Mission-culture be further pursued? There is dire and present need of some method by which to develop the dormant sympathies of the Church ; and unless we have found it with our Simultaneous Meetings, one may well ask where it is to be found. Why should we have the means to do our duty, and delay the doing? Most forcibly has it been said by David Dickson in his tract, "The Elder and His Work," that "we need no new machinery in the Christian Church. It is all provided ready to our hand in the Presbyterian system." True enough ; we have the machinery all provided ready to our hand to produce, by the blessing of God, an increase in study and prayer for Missions, hitherto not to be obtained. That machinery is not: "Simultaneous Meetings ;" but the *ecclesiastical* appointment which operates simultaneous meetings. It was our Presbyterian system of Church-courts which gathered our audiences, furnished the speakers, worked out the details, and paid the bills. The English invention of the name "simultaneous meetings" led us up, indeed, to the secret ; but our good friends of The Church Missionary Society, in displaying our "N. S. M." before their constituency (see C. M. S. *Intelligencer*, April 1888, pp. 261-263) were quick to "state that the idea that 'the Church,' rather than voluntary societies, should conduct missionary work, is especially prevalent among Presbyterians."

We have no voluntary Society doing our work, but a Board of our chief Church-court ; and that Foreign Board cries out to us in dismay that while they are striving to administer faithfully the trust committed to them, their energies are dissipated in gathering the funds to administer. (It was this which led to the motion introducing simultaneous meetings ; see *Minutes of Synod, 1886*, p. 23.) That, then, is surely our work ; a work for which the Board lacks the facilities which the Church-courts have. Be it ours to recognize the good work we have done in reaching our church-members through Sessions, Presbyteries and Synod, and continue it by the assignment of this Missionary-work to a committee of each of these ecclesiastical courts.

IV. Your Committee take pleasure in reporting that the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, resolved upon at the outset of their labors as a necessary provision for the work, has been all paid in, except an unnecessary fraction ; and that it has more than sufficed to pay all expenses. A balance of seventy-five dollars and nine cents remains, awaiting disposition by Synod.

V. The following resolution is proposed for adoption by Synod, after which your Committee respectfully request to be discharged :



## IX.—REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

The Trustees of the Synod of New Jersey reported in 1887 that they held for Synod the title to three chapels, located at Barnegat City, Holly Beach and Long Branch. They also reported that the Ten thousand dollar fund had been secured. (*See Minutes of Synod 1887*, pp. 45 and 46.) Since that time the contributions to that fund have been classified, and it appears that there were received—

From three sources through the Board of Church Erection, . . . . .	\$124 00
From Sunday-schools directly, . . . . .	250 00
From Churches directly, . . . . .	752 34
From Individuals directly, . . . . .	9,058 34
Making the total of, . . . . .	\$10,184 68

A closer examination proves that at least four-fifths of the whole amount were contributed by the Christian women of our Church. A detailed statement of these contributions to the Fund, and of the expenditure of the same, has been printed for distribution.

The appropriations and payments were :

To Ocean Beach Church, . . . . .	\$100 00
“ Ocean Beach Church, . . . . . special,	50 00
“ Westminster Chapel, at Ocean Beach, . . . . . special,	25 00
“ Barnegat City Chapel, . . . . .	500 00
“ Barnegat City Chapel, . . . . . special,	400 00
“ Lakewood Church, . . . . . special,	150 00
“ Barnegat Village Church, . . . . . special,	540 00
“ Holly Beach Chapel, . . . . .	72 34
“ Holly Beach Chapel, . . . . . special,	537 34
“ Long Branch Church, . . . . . special,	1,310 00
“ Sea Side Chapel, Long Branch, . . . . . special,	6,500 00
	\$10,184 68

Since the last meeting of Synod contributions have been received, viz.:

### CASH RECEIVED

From October 17, 1887, to October 17, 1888 :

From Mays Landing Missionary Society, . . . . . special,	\$5 00
“ Infant Class of West Bridgeton Church, . . . special,	10 00
“ Salem Church, . . . . . special,	65 00
“ Pittsgrove Church, . . . . . special,	14 00

From Madison Church, . . . . .	For Brainerd Memorial,	\$25 00
“ Miss E. H. Abbott (Indiana),	“ “	1 00
“ Rev. E. J. Pierce, . . . . .	“ “	10 00
“ Rev. George Macloskie, . . . . .	“ “	13 00
“ S. B. Brown, . . . . .	“ “	65 00
“ A Friend in New York, . . . . .	special,	200 00
		\$408 00

CASH EXPENDED.

To Sea Side Chapel, Long Branch, . . . . .	\$200 00
“ Holly Beach Chapel, . . . . .	148 00
“ Barnegat City Chapel, . . . . .	60 00
	\$408 00

By one special contribution, the debt upon the Barnegat City chapel has been paid, but no progress has been made in the completion of the building.

The debt on the Holly Beach chapel has been reduced from \$500 to \$355.74, and ought to be entirely and speedily liquidated.

Two hundred dollars, providentially given, have been expended in repairs of the chapel at Long Branch, and an equal sum is needed at once to insure that property for the next five years.

The Synod of New Jersey, October 18th, 1887,

*Resolved*, That the reception, custody and disbursement of special funds given to the Synod for the erection of seaside and other Mission chapels (a work performed by the Synod's Committee on Church Extension until it was discharged, October 20th, 1886,) be now assigned to the Trustees of the Synod of New Jersey.—*Minutes 1887, page 15.*

To awaken an interest in this work, a conference was called to meet in the Presbyterian Church of Asbury Park, on August 9th, and to discuss the question, “What should residents and visitors do to re-occupy the ground where John Brainerd traveled as a Missionary, between 1747 and 1781?” Also, to consider the expediency of raising a Brainerd Memorial Fund in this centennial year, to be expended by the Trustees of the Synod of New Jersey.

An enthusiastic conference was held, of which an account, from the pen of Rev. E. B. Hodge, appeared in the *Presbyterian Journal* of August 23d, and another, from the pen of Doctor Wm. P. Breed, appeared in the *N. Y. Evangelist* of September 27th.

The speakers at the conference urged these topics: That—

1st. The pioneer Missionary work of John Brainerd in the 18th Century is worthy of commemoration and a suitable memorial.

2d. The rapid development of South Jersey by an increasing population, both transient and permanent, especially *on the sea-coast*, should stimulate the Presbyteries and churches of the Synod of

New Jersey to vigorous efforts to supply these people with gospel privileges.

3d. The Christian people who come during the summer season to the New Jersey coast, from New York and Philadelphia and more remote places, *claim it as their privilege* to coöperate with the Christians of New Jersey in the work of evangelization and Church Extension. This was presented and advocated by Doctor Henry A. Nelson, and was sustained by Dr. William P. Breed and Dr. B. W. Chidlaw; whereupon it was

*Resolved*, To request Rev. Charles A. Dickey, D.D., of Philadelphia, Rev. John Hall, D.D., of New York, and Rev. B. W. Chidlaw, D.D., of Cincinnati, to act as a Committee to assist in carrying out the spirit of this third topic.

4th. Finally, it was

*Resolved*, That for the purposes above indicated it is expedient to make united efforts to raise in this centennial year a *John Brainerd Memorial Fund*, to be expended under the direction of "the Trustees of the Synod of New Jersey."

Already the Treasurer has received voluntary offerings to this fund, as above reported. The Trustees hereby respectfully ask an endorsement by the Synod of this effort for the "John Brainerd Memorial Fund."

Signed,      ROBERT AIKMAN,  
                  CHARLES K. IMBRIE,  
                  E. R. CRAVEN,  
                  HUGH SMYTHE,  
                  A. GOSMAN,  
                  WILLIAM THOMSON,  
                  A. H. DASHIELL,  
                  ALLEN H. BROWN,  
                  AMZI DODD,

*Trustees.*



## X.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND SUSTENTATION.

The Committee on Home Missions and Sustentation would respectfully report that the exhibit of results, as shown in the Board's Report to the General Assembly, is one fitted to call forth devout thankfulness for the past and to awaken enlarged hope for the future.

With serious drawbacks from drought, extending over a large extent of the West, preventing people from giving the missionaries their accustomed support, and thereby causing them to endure great hardship and want; and with unusually stormy and wintry weather, seriously interfering with Sabbath services, collections and church work, the Board yet reports a year of enlarged effort and of increased prosperity. In many places there have been revivals and numerous accessions to the churches. And in general, increased attendance upon and marked attention to the ministrations of the Word have been noted. The Board's report shows the

Total Receipts for the year, . . . . .	\$783,627 30
Total Expenditures, . . . . .	\$777,940 84
Balance, Home Missions, . . . . .	4,824 97
Balance, Sustentation, . . . . .	861 49
	\$783,627 30

In the language of General Assembly's standing Committee, the contributions for the past year constituted "the largest aggregate ever reached, and the largest sum ever contributed to this cause in a single year by any evangelical denomination on this continent, viz., . . . . . \$783,627 30"

The receipts for the year previous were . . . . . 653,456 03

This year's excess was thus . . . . . \$130,171 27

The friends of the Home Board are watching with much interest to see the effect that our new scheme of Synodical Home Missions will have upon the collections for the Home Board, within the bounds of this Synod. The reports of the Board give us the following statistics:

Contributions to Home Board for 1886-7, . . .	\$37,583 98
"    "    "    "    "    1887-8, . . .	<u>37,506 61</u>
A loss of . . . . .	\$77 37
Contributions to Sustentation for 1886-7, . .	\$1,387 76
"    "    "    "    "    1887-8, . . .	<u>351 07</u>
A loss of . . . . .	1,036 69
Total loss for year 1887-8, . . . . .	\$1,114 06

The Treasurer of the Home Board has kindly furnished your Committee with the following additional figures relative to the Synod of New Jersey's contributions to the Board :

From April 1st to October 1st, 1887, . . . . .	\$7,585.46
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1888, . . . . .	6,665.91
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A loss for six months of . . . . .	\$919.55

But for this loss of the Home Board we have as an offset the whole amount contributed to Synodical Home Missions, which, according to the statement of its Treasurer, is \$11,408.70. In other words we contributed almost as much to the Home Board as we did before, and support the Home Mission work within the bounds of Synod besides.

We record with gratitude the splendid advance that the Christian women of our Church have made in their educational work among the exceptional populations of our land. Their contributions this year have reached the magnificent sum of \$226,067.24, being an excess over the contributions of last year of \$34,106.94. The Board's Report says: "Their field is hard and trying in the extreme. There is no more unmanageable material in heathendom; there is no Christian work on earth more formidable or unpromising; and this very feature, instead of daunting and deterring, seems both to attract and arouse the women of our Church. They have chosen the neediest, slowest, costliest work in the land, and are resolutely bent on doing their best with it."

The Committee of 13 Elders, appointed by the previous General Assembly to arouse the Church to an increased interest in the cause of Home Missions, has rendered most efficient service; and to their work, no doubt, is measurably due the enlarged contributions to this cause.

Important as is the work of Synodical Home Missions, and pressing as are its claims upon us, we must not forget nor underestimate the continental character of the work of the Home Board. It reaches out the hand of help to 42 States and Territories in our land, and employs 1,486 out of the 5,789 Ministers of our Church—more than one-fourth of the entire number.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. That the increasing spiritual needs of our great cities, of the older sections of our country depleted by migration and other causes, of the South stretching out her hands to us for help, and of the great West fast filling up with peoples from every clime, call for a yet farther enlargement of our Home Mission work. And we pledge our earnest endeavor to do even more for this work than we have done in the past.

2. That we rejoice in the splendid advance that the Woman's Societies have made, both in contributions and in service, for the exceptional peoples of our land, and bid them God-speed in their most important work.

3. That we invoke the organized assistance of the Elders of this Synod in increasing the number of contributing churches to this Board, and in developing yet further the interest and beneficence of those already giving to it.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. H. YOUNG,  
W. H. BELDEN.

XI.—THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
WOMAN'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF HOME  
MISSIONS, IN THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

Receipts during the year ending March 31st, 1888 :

Presbyteries.	Value of Boxes.	Money.	Total.
Elizabeth, . . . . .	\$2,071 21	\$2,958 83	\$5,030 80
Jersey City, . . . . .	599 54	433 53	1,032 54
Monmouth, . . . . .	860 14	930 94	1,791 08
Morris and Orange, . . . . .	4,210 75	3,013 86	7,224 61
Newark, . . . . .	1,248 81	238 73	1,487 54
New Brunswick, . . . . .	1,650 96	975 34	2,626 30
Newton, . . . . .	628 71	1,057 09	1,685 80
West Jersey, . . . . .	1,103 49	966 88	2,070 37
	<u>\$12,373 61</u>	<u>\$10,575 20</u>	<u>\$22,968 81</u>

It is the desire and expectation that every year shall witness advancement in this woman's work for Home Missions. This hope has been partly realized from the fact that the value of boxes sent exceeds that of last year by \$814.75; the money, \$1,176.76; making \$1,991.51. Some local societies continue sending their contributions direct to the Treasurer of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions. Too great importance cannot be attached to the rule, to send all money *through* the Presbyterial Treasurers. The amount paid by the New Jersey societies from April 1st, 1887, to April 1st, 1888, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions, was \$12,035.04; that sent through the Presbyterial Treasurers, \$10,575.20; leaving \$1,459.84 that the Synodical Society receives no credit for, because of failure to send through the Presbyterial Treasurers. A careful observance of this rule will lead to more thorough organization and greatly lessen the labor of the Treasurer of the Woman's Executive Committee at New York.

The number of churches in the Synod of New Jersey, exclusive of the Presbytery of Corisco, is 289. The present report shows 139 Woman's Home Missionary Societies, with 5,353 members, 38 Bands, and 26 Sunday-schools contributing. This is a slight increase over last year. It is with regret that attention is called to the fact that *one-half* of the churches in this Synod have not yet organized for this work.

The number of copies of the *Home Mission Monthly* in circulation is 640, an increase of 122 over the former year, and still the proportion is very small when compared with the number of members—about one copy to every eight.

The Synodical Committee on Home Missions at its last meeting is pleased to "recognize the increasing number and growing power of the Woman's Societies organized in the interest of Home Work," and earnestly requests the hearty coöperation of *all* the women of our Church within the bounds of this Synod, in this work of Home Missions.

The Presbytery of West Jersey, at its late meeting "commends the service of the Woman's Societies and Young People's Bands in Mission work during the past year, and trusts that they will continue in well-doing for the Master." May the appreciation of the work already accomplished be an incentive to push forward with greater zeal for the future.

A few moments will be spent in a review of the work of each Society :

Elizabeth Presbyterial Society, with her 31 churches, reports 23 societies, having a membership of 1,030, 3 bands and 11 Sunday-schools contributing, and a subscription list of 201 to the *Home Mission Monthly*; five teachers are supported in whole or in part, and five scholarships are taken. Beside the contributions to the Woman's Executive Committee already reported, \$306.10 was expended for miscellaneous objects.

Jersey City Presbyterial Society reports advancement in every respect, except in moneyed contributions. Last year's amount exceeded this by \$266.57. To miscellaneous objects \$52.00 was contributed. Her societies number 12, with 279 members, 1 band, and 8 copies of the *Home Mission Monthly* are taken.

A favorable report can be very briefly given of the Monmouth Presbyterial Society by saying that progress has been her motto in every respect. The number of her societies is 13, with a membership of 270. The bands number 5, and 60 copies are taken of the *Home Mission Monthly*. The number of her churches being 45, these figures are small, and yet an increase over the previous year, an evidence that the interest is not abating.

The Presbytery of Morris and Orange contains 41 churches; 33 of these have societies organized for this Home Mission work, and the annual report of the Secretary shows faithful, persistent coöperation between the Presbyterial officers and the local societies. The publications of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions are freely used in correspondence, and leaflets and circulars are issued from time to time, giving information of work done, or that it is desirable to undertake. Her 33 societies have a membership of 1,767, with 9 bands, 8 Sunday-schools contributing, and 199 who take the *Home Mission Monthly*. It is especially gratifying to speak of \$475 that has been given since the annual report has been made out. This amount was from four individuals, in sums of \$200 from each of two, and \$50 and \$25 respectively from a third and

fourth. The sum expended for miscellaneous purposes was \$389.91. This society is well worthy of imitation.

It is pleasing to report that in every Presbytery of our Synod there now exists the Presbyterian Home Missionary Society, that of Newark having organized during the year. The full corps of officers reported is a guarantee of effective coöperation. Some time is usually required to get into good working trim, but the first report indicates a fair beginning: Seven societies with 308 members, 16 copies of our magazine are taken and \$431 contributed to miscellaneous objects, beside the sums previously reported. Many of the local societies did not report to the Presbyterian Secretary, or probably the above amounts would have been doubled. Valuable boxes of clothing have been sent to Kansas; Davenport, Iowa; Ypsilanti, Michigan, and to the school at Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

New Brunswick Presbyterian Society reports progress in every respect, except in value of boxes sent. Societies, 26; bands, 2; Sunday-schools contributing, 2, and 58 copies of *Home Mission Monthly* taken. This society still contributes largely to the Zuni Mission; \$318 to the Ogden, Utah, Building Fund, and \$265 to miscellaneous objects. As this Presbytery of 34 churches is one of the strongest in the Synod, increased activity will be anticipated in the year before us.

The report of Newton Presbyterian Society shows a decrease in number of societies, bands and Sunday-schools contributing, but an increase in value of boxes sent, money, members, and Missionary magazines in circulation.

The contributions in value of boxes and money of the West Jersey Presbyterian Society are considerably in excess of last year. Her societies are 11; number of members, 579; bands, 5; Sunday-schools contributing, 5; 40 copies of the *Monthly* in circulation. The amount distributed among miscellaneous objects was \$106.75.

Those present who were privileged to attend the meeting at Clinton, last October, will remember the earnest presentation by Rev. Dr. McNiece, of Salt Lake City, of the need for higher education in many parts of Utah. Ogden was a point especially emphasized, and this society was pledged for \$2,000. As soon as possible, the matter was brought before the local societies, by the Presbyterian Secretaries, and a request made for a proportionate sum from each.

The *entire* amount has not yet been raised, but it is gratifying to report that within the six months following that annual meeting, or by April 1st, 1888, \$1,478.77, and received since, \$47, making \$1,525.77, had been paid into the Treasury of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions for this special object. The needs of Utah will undoubtedly be presented again at this meeting, and it is earnestly recommended by our Synodical Executive Committee that the balance of this \$2,000 be raised as soon as possible, that new work may be entered upon with fresh zeal and vigor.

In closing this report it gives pleasure to allude to the promptness and cheerfulness with which the officers of the Presbyterial societies have, at all times, coöperated with the Synodical Executive Committee in its plans and suggestions for the advancement of this work. That greater success may crown the future, some recommendations are herewith submitted.

1st. That earnest efforts be promptly made to secure the organization of *new* societies, and largely increase the membership of those already formed.

2d. That every subscriber to the *Home Mission Monthly*, in the Synod of New Jersey, feel her individual responsibility to try to *create* and *increase* an interest in this Woman's Work for Home Missions by influencing every other Presbyterian female church member to *subscribe for, read regularly* and *preserve for future reference* this magazine, published by the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions. This recommendation is not made in the interest of the magazine, though *its success* is desired, or because it *needs* subscribers, for we are happy to say it is self-supporting, but because its contents, from cover to cover, are absolutely necessary to an intelligent understanding of what that band of consecrated Presbyterian women, at 53 Fifth Avenue, N. Y., are trying to accomplish among the Mormons, the Indians, the Mexicans, the mountaineers of the South, and the Freedmen. This magazine, with the other publications of this Committee, are our educators in this work, and individuals and societies will find it impossible to labor successfully without the knowledge they impart. The price is fifty cents—not five cents per copy.

3d. That the officers of the Presbyterial Societies use freely, in correspondence, the Leaflets published by the Woman's Executive Committee. Many of them can be had for the asking, and, if necessary, some of the Presbyterial Contingent Fund will be money well expended in the purchase of those for sale, because their circulation aids in diffusing the needed Missionary information the local societies are eagerly seeking.

4th. The column, "Woman's Committee of Home Missions," published weekly in "*The Interior*," and written by Miss Kate Hamilton, is also one of our best educators in this work. It is recommended to all who can have access to that paper, and is as if a weekly letter was received from Missionary teachers and their scholars.

5th. Officers of the Synodical Society know by rich experience the inspiration received from frequent attendance at the Prayer Meeting held at the rooms of the Woman's Executive Committee, 53 5th Avenue, the first Tuesday of each month, from 3 to 4 P. M. As many portions of New Jersey lie in close proximity to the great

metropolis, attendance is earnestly recommended. These meetings are soul-warming.

6th. And with one voice does your Executive Committee recommend prayer—nearness to the throne of grace—*daily* intercession for God's richest blessing upon us all—the workers at home and on the field.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. TRUAX,

*Corresponding Secretary.*



## XII.—ANNUAL MEETING OF WOMAN'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions in the Synod of New Jersey was held in the Prospect Street Presbyterian Church, Trenton, October 10th, 1888.

The meeting opened with a Responsive Bible Reading, led by the President, Mrs. W. E. Honeyman. Prayer was then offered by Mrs. D. R. James. Representatives from each Presbytery responded to the roll-call, the largest delegation being from New Brunswick Presbytery. The President, in her opening address, spoke encouragingly and with gratitude of the work accomplished during the year, of the increased interest as manifest in the addition of a new Presbyterial organization, and in other directions as would be shown in the reports.

With earnestness she asked for increased zeal and effort to meet the great needs that were to be presented, and which must be met if this loved land of ours is to be won for Christ.

Reports of Recording and Corresponding Secretaries were read, and on motion their acceptance and presentation to Synod for approval was adopted.

Resolutions regarding the death during the past year of Mrs. H. D. Gregory, the faithful and efficient President during the early years of our Society's existence, were read, and on motion adopted, after which all present (standing) united in singing the first verse of the impressive hymn, "Asleep in Jesus."

An address from Mrs. D. R. James, President of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, was very earnest and inspiring. She urged upon the women of the churches individual increasing efforts, not alone from self-interest in view of the perils that threaten our country, but for Christ's sake, ever keeping in mind that America Christianized means the world Christianized.

Addresses were made by two of our faithful, efficient Mission School teachers, Miss Morse, of Malad City, representing the Mormon field, and Miss Whittaker, of Tucson, Arizona, the work done among the Indians. The startling facts presented by these earnest workers of that which had come to their knowledge in their Mission Work, furnished convincing proofs that the time had not yet come for relaxing effort on the part of the women of our church, but instead, advancement in all the lines.

Plans for extended work were presented, but the opinion expressed by some, of the barrier to this, in the fact that the pledge made at the last annual meeting had not yet been fully met, led to

the decision of assuming no additional one for the present year. The proposition of the President, that each Presbyterial organization strive to make an advance of twenty per cent., with the request of Mrs. James, that from the heart of each woman there go up the prayer for grace and strength to do all she can, may bring the desired increase.

The following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year :

*President*—MRS. W. E. HONEYMAN, Plainfield.

*First Vice-President*—MRS. J. H. OWENS, Perth Amboy.

*Second Vice-President*—MRS. J. B. BEAUMONT, Chatham.

*Corresponding Secretary*—MRS. M. E. TRUAX, Perth Amboy.

*Recording Secretary*—MRS. C. H. LANGDON, Elizabeth.

*Treasurer of Contingent Fund*—MRS. P. I. NEVIUS, Flemington.

## PRESBYTERIAL COMMITTEES.

### ELIZABETH.

Mrs. S. S. Thompson, Elizabeth,

Mrs. J. H. Troutman, Elizabeth.

Mrs. J. M. McNulty, Woodbridge.

Mrs. W. E. Honeyman, Plainfield.

Mrs. C. H. Langdon, Elizabeth.

### JERSEY CITY.

Miss Annie Van Winkle, Paterson.

Mrs. C. D. Shaw, Paterson.

Mrs. Howell, Hoboken.

### MONMOUTH.

Mrs. Dr. Long, Freehold.

Mrs. H. V. Deshler, Hightstown.

Mrs. B. S. Everitt, Jamesburg.

### MORRIS AND ORANGE.

Mrs. R. Aikman, Madison.

Mrs. J. B. Beaumont, Chatham.

Mrs. F. A. Gile, East Orange.

Mrs. A. Erdman, Morristown.

### NEWARK.

Miss Julia Halsey, Roseville.

Mrs. Paul Babcock, Montclair.

Mrs. A. V. Van Fleet, Newark.

Mrs. Geo. A. Paull, Bloomfield.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

Mrs. Charles Brearley, New Brunswick.  
Miss Janeway, New Brunswick.  
Miss Margaret Sloan, Trenton.  
Mrs. W. A. Brooks, Trenton.  
Mrs. James Ronan, Trenton.

## NEWTON.

Mrs. A. C. Vlick, Washington.  
Mrs. William Morrow, Belvidere.  
Mrs. D. C. Blair, Belvidere.  
Mrs. William Thomson, Stewartsville.  
Miss McMurtry, Newton.

## WEST JERSEY.

Miss Nellie M. Skinner, Woodbury.  
Miss Ruth James, Bridgeton.  
Mrs. A. M. Reeder, Camden.

M. B. T. LANGDON,  
*Recording Secretary.*

### XIII.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully report that there has been a gratifying increase in the contributions to this cause of nearly \$5,000. By the reports of the churches to the General Assembly, the Synod credits itself with gifts to the amount of \$80,057, an average of nearly \$1.50 per member. As this subject usually comes before the Synod in the Report upon Systematic Beneficence, your Committee do not enter upon it here, further than to say that this is an average with which we ought not to be satisfied for a moment; that the ability of the churches, the necessities of the work and the claims of Christ, all urge us to a much higher average.

To us the work seems great, and is great. But the greatness of the work should not stagger our faith nor lessen the hopefulness and vigor with which we address ourselves to it. Indeed, the terms great and small seem out of place when used with reference to the kingdom of Christ, or to the strength and resources which he can command.

There are very cheering signs of progress. Numerical success gives indeed no decisive test to the wisdom or the energy or the faithfulness of the Missionaries, or the fruitfulness of their toil. The most faithful Christian work may be without it. Still it is cheering when it comes, and undoubtedly the church ought prayerfully to expect it. But the success has gone beyond our expectations—perhaps even our hopes. There is scarcely a Mission, even those most recently established and upon which the least toil has been expended, in which these signs of the blessing of God are not apparent. Numbers have been added to the Lord, and in some cases large numbers. And whether we regard the welfare of these precious souls, or the influence which such progress must have upon our faith and zeal, we cannot be too grateful to him who has given this success. The records of the year call for hearty acknowledgement and praise.

A second feature in the year's work is the growing union among the different churches engaged in it. Standing as our Missionaries do, in the face of heathen systems and of heathen practices—the broad lines which separate these systems and lives from Christian faith and morals, meeting them everywhere—they have felt more deeply and vividly the ties which bind all God's people together, under the power of this deep-lying and conscious unity they have broken through the lines of denominational distinctions, and have come together in their work and, to some extent, in their organization, as in Japan and in Brazil. Hopeful intimation of such results

appear already above the horizon in China and India and Australia. The recent Missionary Conference in London can scarcely fail to accelerate the movement, and the reflex influence upon the churches must be healthful and hopeful. It is a movement which will call for the highest wisdom and patience; the progress must be slow; it will require great forbearance, a willingness to make mutual concessions while guarding all the interests of truth; but the wisdom of the Holy Ghost and the energy of Christian love will surely overcome all difficulties and secure the most blessed results.

A third feature of the year's history is the more distinct and hearty recognition which the Missionary work has won from the powers of the world. It is no longer a work by itself merely. It claims still, as it always has claimed, its distinctive character. It aims at nothing less than the salvation of souls. But in securing this it has wrought so many things, it has mastered so many languages, it has acquired such vast stores of knowledge, it has brought within the reach of scientific men so many of the data upon which their conclusions rest, it has cast so much light upon the problems of the ages, it has developed and directed so many agencies in the uplifting of the race, that even those who have little sympathy with its distinctive work recognize it as a mighty force in the regeneration and progress of the race.

The women's work in connection with this cause needs no commendation from us. Their work commends them. They have recognized more fully, though still only in part, the obligation which rests upon all. Your Committee look upon this work as not only important in itself, but as stimulating the Church to a proper and Scriptural sense of her obligation—as tending, by its legitimate influence, to bring about that time when the whole Church, *i. e.* every member of it, shall feel the responsibility which Christ has laid upon every one of His people, and the Church itself—not its women, not the children, but the Church itself—in its divine organization, called to give the gospel to every creature—shall take up the great work and do it.

The influence and result of the November Simultaneous Meetings will doubtless be the subject of a special report by the Committee who have that matter in charge, and your Committee content themselves, therefore, with simply calling the notice of the Synod to them, as indicating the deep interest of Pastors and churches in the work, and as leading them to a higher consecration to it.

A. GOSMAN.

XIV.—ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETIES IN THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY, 1888.

When Esther, the Queen of Persia, entered into the presence of the King to plead for the life of herself and her kindred, she went with great fear, saying, "If I perish, I perish." But *our* King is always gracious, and when we appeal to Him for the poor, suffering women of the earth we feel that He knows their sorrows and inspires us to work for their salvation. He has sent forth a Royal Decree, "Go and carry *My Gospel* to every creature." It alone gives joy and peace and hope and love. This word comes to us with peculiar power as we see His hand opening one country after another, and we believe that He has brought us to the Kingdom for such a time and service as this. Wealth and education were never so general as in our country now.

What are the signs of the times to us? *God's Kingdom is coming!* Slowly, but surely, the day approaches when "the Kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ." What have we done in the past year in our Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies in the Synod of New Jersey to hasten the approach of that happy day? God alone knows the secret of each heart; *who* gives the silver and the gold, the widow's mite, and the orphan's penny. All told, these saved and consecrated gifts are as follows:

Elizabeth Presbyterial Society, . . . . .	\$4,890 00
Jersey City " " . . . . .	3,020 11
Monmouth " " . . . . .	2,296 61
Newton " " . . . . .	1,802 86
West Jersey " " . . . . .	1,873 00
New Brunswick, " " . . . . .	3,201 47
Newark " " . . . . .	4,768 48
Morris and Orange, " " . . . . .	6,474 77
	\$28,327 30

This sum is larger than that of any year before, yet perhaps none have done all they could, for these are times of plenty and there are over 350 auxiliaries and bands.

In reporting for our societies we may use the first person and say *we* have 13 Missionaries. In *China* Mrs. Neal and Miss Seward; in *Fungchow*, Miss Happer, Mrs. Kerr, Misses Lewis and Butler in *Canton*, and Miss Lowrie in *Peking*. In *Canton*, also, we have 4 Bible-readers, 7 day-schools taught by native teachers, 21 shares in the Women's Training School, an interest in the medical class, and

in the orphans under Mrs. Henry's care. Our Mrs. Happer will hereafter be identified with the Christian College for which Dr. Happer labored so successfully to collect funds while lately in this country. Some of her friends are about to endow a professorship in her name, and she will teach some of the English classes.

Miss Butler, after a long illness, is again at her post of duty, restored to full health. Miss Seward's name will have to be taken from our books also, as she has become the wife of a Baptist Missionary and gone to the interior of China. In *Ningpo* we have a Bible reader, two day-schools, and shares in the girls' boarding-school. In *Shanghai* two day-schools and a share in the boarding-school. From *Peking*, Miss Lowrie writes, "sixteen girls in the boarding-school are Christians. Two, who have graduated, are studying medicine, and a third will follow their example. Three of the children have just gone home, a seven-days' journey, delighted at the prospect of seeing their mothers once more after an absence of seven years. We hope to have them return in the fall, as they are all bright girls and Christians; one, a daughter of one of our helpers, is perfect in everything. She is twelve years of age, but classed with girls much older. She embroiders beautifully and is quick in mathematics. She is taking up English now in the same careful, accurate way in which she does everything else. Another, also the daughter of a former helper who died some years ago, is *the young lady of the school*, so neat and orderly, so dainty and dignified. She is a good Christian girl and a most attentive Sabbath-school scholar."

In *Nanking* we have a day-school and two shares in boarding-school; in *Hangchow* a boarding, in *Soochow* a day-school; in *Tungchow*, two shares in the boys' and three in the girls' school. We also assist in the work in *Chefoo* and *Chenanfoo*. Is this much for China? Remember that nine-tenths of her 400,000,000 are yet heathen. We are trying to do something for Chinese women in our own *California*, helping the Home and School in San Francisco, a most hopeful Mission, which has already been the means of Christianizing many precious souls and saving them from a life worse than death.

From *Japan* comes the word that our beloved Mrs. Hepburn will remain in Tokio, instead of returning to America for her well-earned rest. The college could find no other than Dr. Hepburn to be its president, so, like Dr. and Mrs. Happer in China, Dr. and Mrs. Hepburn, in Japan, will go on with renewed consecration in their great life-work. They have been rewarded by the sight of great wonders in the land for which they have so long labored and prayed. "Only sixteen years" since the first church was formed, and now you may see large congregations of devout worshippers, such as the semi-annual "great prayer-meeting" in the Union

Church, Yokohama, led by a Japanese Christian, bowing their heads in prayer to their newly-found Father in Heaven. It will soon be necessary to erect larger buildings for the Bancho School. It is like the net which the Lord told His disciples to cast on the right side of the ship, and behold they were not able to draw it, and the net brake because of the multitude of fishes. There are over 300 names on the roll, and of the 40 pupils in the upper classes all but 6 are professing Christians. Three Sunday-schools are carried on by the teachers and older scholars. Instruction in caring for the sick has been given to a class of 7 women, who are all Christians, and have been admitted, by courtesy of the officials, to study and practice in hospitals. Miss Youngman sends reports of the evangelistic work done by the students of the Tokio Bible Women's Institute. Three have completed the course of Bible study, and graduated March 31st, 1888. One has been supported and educated by their own Missionary Society, and will marry a native preacher; the other two will do Bible work, under the direction of the institute. All are under 21 years of age. Three Mission schools are conducted wholly by these students. They also hold meetings for the parents of the children, and visit at their homes. Reports are given of other schools, none more interesting than that of the Graham Seminary. It has 131 pupils, of whom 40 are professing Christians, and 18 are doing Christian work. Six more have written for their parents' consent to be baptized. None but Christian teachers are employed. An urgent request comes for another lady to be sent to Graham Seminary this year—one who is able to teach music. This school is becoming largely self-supporting, and with increased accommodations could command any number of pupils.

*Korea* is now looking to us for help. A lady Missionary is called for, to devote herself to teaching and visiting in its capital city. We have an interest in the orphanage in care of Mr. Underwood, and are hoping for more societies to become "Heralds to Korea." In the September number of *Woman's Work*, Mrs. Heron tells the story of a birthday party which she attended at the King's palace, giving a bright picture of that strange place and people.

We have now a missionary in *Persia*, Mrs. Mechlin, who arrived at Salmas in October, and is busy learning the language and planning for future labor. We have had a share in the medical work in Westminster Hospital in Oroomiah, in the Teheran buildings, in the Famine Fund and in the Faith Hubbard school. The friendliness of Mohammedan women of the higher classes and their urgent invitations to visit them opens a door hitherto almost closed. "A Moslem woman after a probation of eighteen months has been received into the Church and professes her faith with a courage that is heroic and sublime.

In the *Sidon* Seminary, *Syria*, our Miss Charlotte Brown is faithfully at work. There is an attendance of 45 boarders and 40 day



scholars, 6 of the teachers are graduates of the Seminary. At the Thursday noon prayer-meetings all the girls take part and lead in prayer. They are interested in Missions and have committed to memory six of our question books, which are translated into Arabic. No English is taught to the boarding pupils, they learn English hymns but do not understand the words. We have teachers who learn English, and it is studied in the day school. Many of our girls are true Christians. The Seminary at Beirût has 157 pupils, and the training school at Suk-el-Ghurb has 87. One teacher, writing of her difficulty in learning Arabic, says: "I can now take my turn in conducting prayers, but if it had not been that I did it *in His name*, I never could have made the effort." We have supported 12 or more village schools in Syria, and 3 teachers in the Zahleh High-school, Deir-el-Ghazel and Baalbec. Dr. Post says no one can tell the value of these Christian schools.

In *Siam* and *Laos* we have two devoted missionaries, Mrs. Dr. McGilvary and Miss Westervelt, with a girls' school in Bangkok and a boys' in Petchaburi. Our African Missionaries are not without some Heavenly light in that dark land. Many souls have been gathered into the fold from the tribes along the Ogove river. These are of all ages, from the young child to the gray-haired King. Three hundred have joined the class on probation, and they testify to the sincerity of their conversion by giving \$200 to the cause of Missions during the past year. Mrs. DeHeer tells of the good sailing vessel, the "Nassau," supported by some of our boys' bands, which is so useful along the coast and on the Gaboon river. Miss Nassau is "thankful that she always has some one to teach." Some young men she has prepared to preach the Gospel. In her present busy life she still hears the recitations of those who can come in the evening.

In *South America*, Miss Franks is on our list for Bogota, but she is not as yet able to return to her work there. Great joy is felt in the state of the Mission, the church services, the ladies prayer-meeting, the school, the Mission band, the examinations, the Bible lessons, the entire work never seemed so hopeful. What would some of our home schools think if called to recite, as did a class in Bogota, the entire Shorter Catechism with proof texts from the Bible?

Our Miss Kuhl, of Sao Paulo, is now on a visit to her home for a much needed rest. She and Miss Dascomb have done very difficult work, and the establishment of the Collegio Americano shows how faithful and efficient they have been and how the Lord has prospered them. Thirty girls have attended their school this year. Six are teaching in other cities, thus scattering the good seed over wider fields. Miss Kuhl says the work grows in interest. "Some of the girls, our first pupils, are now married, and from them come

letters full of love and tenderness which cheer our hearts. For them we still pray." The girls are taught domestic work and dress-making, and great interest is taken in the Mission Band, the children all learning to pray as well as to labor for the Master. They publish a little paper called "The Young Missionary."

Our work in the girls' school in *Mexico* and the boys' school in *Saltillo* and *Zacatecas* continues to grow, and if the buildings were twice as large they could be filled at once. Have we no more money for *Mexico*?

By a strange oversight *India* was omitted in our Synodical report last year. We have six Missionaries there. Mrs. Holcomb is now at *Jhansi*, an important city, to which she went last year, and where the Gospel is being taught for the first time. *Miss Hutchinson* has been transferred to the *Jumna* Mission, and reports the slow up-hill work she has had there. *Mrs. Tedfred* gives an encouraging account of the school at *Sangli*, where there is an attendance of thirty girls. *Mrs. Seiler* assists her husband in the boys' school at *Sangli*. *Mrs. Anderson*, at *Lahore*, tells of the conversion of two sons and other youths under her care. *Miss Harris*, at the same place, is visiting and teaching in its *Zenanas*. Our societies also assist in supporting a boys' orphanage and a day-school in *Saharunpur*, the medical work at *Rawal-Pindi*, the boys' school in *Lodiana*, the *Chatturjee* Orphanage in *Julundar*, *Zenana* work in *Etaweh*, an orphanage and Bible women in *Furrukhabad*, two Bible women in *Futtehgurh*, four day-schools taught by native teachers in *Mynpurie*, school work and a native teacher in *Kolapoor*, and a girls' boarding-school in *Dehra*.

*Miss Pendleton's* report in the *Church at Home and Abroad* for September shows the reality of the anxieties and sorrows as well as the joys and hopes of the Missionary. A little girl named *Bunno*, after she had been five years an inmate of Christian schools, was claimed by her relatives, and had to be given up to return to the sad life of a Mohammedan *Zenana*. Another of the *Dehra* girls, an Abyssinian named *Miriam Ross*, having completed the course, went out as a teacher, and died after but a few months. She expected to return to her own country as a Missionary, and her death seemed a strange providence. During the year six girls have made a profession of their faith in Christ. All the members of our first three classes are now Christians, and our girls have been growing in grace. A letter received from one after going to her home mentions having kept her Sunday evening prayer hour alone in her room. In class the girls have made progress. In the spring the Countess of *Dufferin* visited the school and expressed pleasure with everything she saw and heard, admiring the airy dormitories and spacious play-grounds and hoping that some of the pupils might be sent to her medical class at *Agra*.

A new interest in medical work is shown in many lands. The divine art of healing goes hand in hand with the gospel, and suffering humanity finds relief from bodily as well as spiritual ills. Some societies have contributed to a fund for the education of doctors, some have added to their gifts of the year before to the building fund, some have purchased a chapel bell for Africa, others have sent two small organs over the sea to rejoice the music-loving missionaries. One of these organs is described as going "over Mt. Lebanon swaying on a camel's back and arriving at its destination in time for Christmas."

This centennial year has been one of increase both in gifts and interest. The Simultaneous Meetings in November brought rich fruitage into the garner, showing that the Lord loves "to be inquired of," and to bless His people when they come with one accord into His presence. Our daily prayer for the coming of His kingdom must come from loving, loyal hearts, willing to give liberally, to suffer if need be, and to be faithful even unto death. One lady in our Synod gives the entire support of a young Missionary in China. Are there not others who could go and do likewise? Let us no longer "play at missions," but remember that there are a thousand million souls yet outside of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

MARGARET M. HODGE,  
*Secretary.*

XV.—ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL  
FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of New Jersey was held in the Prospect street Church, Trenton, N. J., on Wednesday, October 10th, 1888. Delegates from all the Presbyteries of the Synod were present. Mrs. Joel Parker presided. The reports of the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries were read, accepted and adopted.

Mrs. Posey, of the Philadelphia Board, spoke of the new work for the year and its pressing needs. Miss Fullerton gave an interesting account of her work in India, and Mrs. J. Gillespie made an earnest appeal in behalf of the magazines, "Woman's Work for Woman" and "Children's Work for Children."

Especial reference was made to the faithful work of Mrs. Gregory in all branches of Mission work, and resolutions in honor of her memory were passed in a joint committee with the Home Missionary Society. New Brunswick was appointed as the place of meeting for 1889.

The following named officers were elected :

<i>President</i>	—	MRS. JOEL PARKER.
<i>First Vice-President</i>	—	MRS. J. D. BEDLE.
<i>Second</i>	"	MRS. M. E. MORRISON.
<i>Third</i>	"	MRS. J. GILLESPIE.
<i>Fourth</i>	"	MRS. S. E. WARE.
<i>Fifth</i>	"	MRS. A. H. YOUNG.
<i>Sixth</i>	"	MRS. ROBERT AIKMAN.
<i>Seventh</i>	"	MRS. FRANK CHANDLER.
<i>Eighth</i>	"	MRS. JOHN DIXON.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	—	MRS. A. A. HODGE.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	—	MRS. PAUL BABCOCK.

MARY W. BABCOCK.

Montclair, N. J., October 11, 1888.

XVI.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE  
ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Committee on Ministerial Education are glad to report this year to the Synod certain encouraging features of this important work of our Church.

The debt of \$3,800 with which the Board went before the Centennial General Assembly has been entirely removed, and the Board is in much better financial condition than at this time a year ago.

The number of candidates for the Ministry has increased, the Board having now under its care 65 more students than when the Synod of New Jersey was last in session. We should praise the Great Head of the Church for the many young men of promise who have turned their thoughts toward the Gospel Ministry in the last few months. The Board will have under its care this year about 800 students, including the candidates among our Freedmen and those destined for our immigrant population.

The care of so many young men is a great responsibility, and it is not without deep solicitude that their financial needs are talked over by the members of the Board. Although the contributions of the churches to the cause of education are in excess of former years, the condition of the treasury will only permit the Board to grant \$100 to College and Seminary students, and \$80 to those in the preparatory course of study, while the maximum grants, \$150 and \$100, to the classes of candidates just named, should in most cases be made. Even these amounts will not defray more than one-half the lowest expenses at which it is possible for students to get through the year. If all the non-contributing churches could be brought to give proportionately to those now contributing, these larger grants might readily be made, and not only so, many more students might be taken under the care of the Board whose applications for aid must now be declined. Out of 6,436 churches, in the Minutes of the General Assembly for 1887, not less than 3,338 left the space in the column of Education a blank. Almost as many blanks are found in the Minutes of 1888.

The need of a great increase in the number of Presbyterian Ministers is expressed in a recent circular of the Board from which the following facts are here inserted :

“According to the Minutes of the Assembly there are 1,140 churches vacant. Of these about 133 report over 100 members; between this grade and those reporting 50 members there are 193, and from this grade to those reporting 25 there are 261; from this to those reporting 10 there are 338; below this there are 215, many of which being planted in our new Western towns may, if fostered, prove thrifty germs. Our net increase of churches averages 150 per year. To supply these vacancies our seminaries sent out last year only 178

graduates, not all of whom can be counted on as belonging to our Church. To supply our lack we drew 89 from other denominations, while we gave in exchange only 30. It is demonstrated, therefore, that our Church is far from raising a sufficiency of Ministers to promote its edification, carry on its Missions and do its proper work.'

Missions imply and demand Missionaries. Churches can be sustained and built up only through the preaching of "the Word." The prime want of the Church, therefore, is a devoted and well-educated ministry. It was the first thing our Lord provided in establishing His kingdom, and our Church should follow His example. And how large the field is, and loud is the call for laborers, our Home Board tells us: "Immigrants are thronging to our shores at the rate of more than a thousand every day. Very many of these are far from being material for making good American citizens. Benevolence, patriotism, self-preservation, demand our instant and utmost efforts for their evangelization, as they crowd into the cities and scatter over the land. Beyond the Mississippi 200 men could now be at once employed. In New England at least a dozen new churches have been organized, and more will follow. The 'New South' is so ripe and ready that it could absorb to-day the entire resources at the Board's command, and still not be nearly provided for." And the call from the Foreign Mission Board is greater by as much as the whole world is greater than the United States of America.

The present relations of the Synod of New Jersey to the Board of Ministerial Education are expressed in the following tabular statement, which shows the number of candidates for the ministry under the care of the Board; the amount of money received from, and the the amount given to, the Board; the number of contributing churches, and non-contributing churches, and the number of communicants in each Presbytery:

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.	Candidates.	Received from Board.	Given to Board.	Contributing Churches.	Non-Contributing Churches.	Communicants.
Corisco, . . . . .	..	..	\$3 00	2	5	699
Elizabeth, . . . . .	4	\$308 00	1,014 39	26	6	7,399
Jersey City, . . . . .	2	166 00	295 57	18	11	4,724
Monmouth, . . . . .	4	400 00	536 57	34	10	5,538
Morris and Orange, . .	3	291 00	988 05	30	10	7,696
Newark, . . . . .	2	180 00	982 70	17	9	7,869
New Brunswick, . . .	27	2,434 00	831 40	32	2	7,355
Newton, . . . . .	4	300 00	424 87	27	10	5,769
West Jersey, . . . . .	1	100 00	537 94	28	18	5,653
	47	\$4,179 00	\$5,614 49	214	81	52,702

Two facts revealed by this statement require special mention. The first of these is the number of non-contributing churches within the Synod. Every church should give something to this great cause. If the 81 churches which did not contribute anything to the Board last year would give, proportionately to the contributing churches, the increase in the gifts of the Synod would be \$2,122, and the entire amount would be \$7,736.

The second fact is, that the gifts of the contributing churches, when considered in relation to the entire number of communicants within the Synod, average a fraction under eleven cents per member. An increase here may well be called for. How shall the Ministry be increased, is it asked? One way, and a very efficient way, is to put into the hands of the Board larger funds, that young men with the love of Christ in their hearts and ready to offer themselves as candidates for the Ministry may not be refused aid when they ask for it.

But this is not the only way. Two-thirds, perhaps, of our Ministers have not received aid from the Board; and the Board does not grant aid until a certain stage of study for the Ministry has been reached. Pastors and Sessions, parents and Sabbath-school teachers should be urged to lay the sacred Ministry before the boys and young men of the Church as the most honorable of all callings, and the most efficient method of serving the Master. The joy of winning souls should be emphasized in the pulpit, in the Sabbath-school, in the home. Fathers and mothers should be urged by Pastors to consecrate their sons to the Lord, and to the work of the Ministry. The earlier in life the idea of the Ministry takes possession of a young man, the better Minister will he become.

A gentle voice may accomplish what no deliverance of an ecclesiastical body may effect, however strong this may be. The great Ambrose was born of a noble Roman family, and was educated in Rome for the bar. Appointed consular prefect, he took up his residence in Milan, and upon a certain occasion, when a fierce contest arose between the Orthodox and Arian party, concerning the election of a new bishop, he, as a magistrate, went to the church to maintain order. While he was addressing the crowd a child cried out, "*Ambrosius Episcopus.*" The idea struck the multitude, and by an unanimous and urgent vote he was transferred from the judicial bench to the Episcopal chair. May gentle voices call many young men of promise into the holy office! Let Pastors urge those whose tenderness can lead the young to Christ and His service to press upon youthful minds the Ministry.

First. Your Committee would recommend that the Board of Ministerial Education be cordially commended to the liberality of all our churches.

Second. That the privilege and duty of turning the young men and boys of the Church toward the work of the Ministry be pressed upon Christian parents and all who have an influence over the young by our Pastors and Stated Supplies.

FREDERICK R. BRACE,  
MARCUS A. BROWNSON,  
JOHN A. ANDERSON,

*Committee.*



XVII.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE  
ON PUBLICATION AND SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK.

The Committee on Publication and Sabbath-schools report that they have statistics from seven of the eight home Presbyteries, the Presbytery of Morris and Orange alone being blank.

These statistics, whether taken from the General Assembly's Minutes or from those furnished by the reports of the Sabbath-school Committees of the Presbyteries, show a few significant facts as a whole.

There is a gain of 32 schools over last year, although the Presbytery of Newark reports 4 less, and Newton 2. An increase of 3,924 scholars, although Monmouth reports 113 less, and West Jersey 45, making the net gain 3,766.

The most marked and sad exhibit is that the number received into the communion of the Church from the Sabbath-schools is 412 less than last year. Every Presbytery so reported except Jersey City, and its gain is but 2.

A marked increase appears in the matter of Benevolence, especially to the Board of Publication's Missionary and Sabbath-school work, but reaching to all the Boards of our Church, amounting in all to \$4,097. There is, however, a decrease of gifts to general objects of \$2,541, leaving still a net gain of \$1,556.

From these statistics and from the reports from the Presbyteries it would seem to have been a year of steady work—diligent sowing, but not large harvesting; good training, but not large ingathering—while considering the increase of population, opportunities and agencies, the advance in any department is not enough for boasting or even satisfaction. We have scarcely held our own, taking the work as a whole, and that is cause for humiliation. Evidently there ought to be a more thorough canvassing to bring in the children that ought to have Sabbath-school instruction, and more spiritual tone and earnestness for converting souls.

There has been large increase in Sabbath-school accommodations, Morris and Orange reporting several buildings thus provided, costing thousands of dollars. The Presbytery of New Brunswick reports marked increase all along the line except in the additions to the churches; calls attention to neighborhood schools, and urges all Pastors to be sure they are doing all they can for the training of the young in the ways of God and of Christian work.

Newton recommends more careful reports from the churches, and arranges for institute work.

The Board of Publication goes on wisely and successfully with its general work, and its publications were never more varied, and its facilities for supplying good religious literature and Sabbath-school libraries of its own and other reliable houses make it the very best agency for our churches and Sabbath-schools to patronize.

Its Sabbath-school Missionary work has been pushed with greatest success. It employed 56 seminary students during the summer, who organized nearly all of the 661 schools reported for that period.

It has given away since April 1st, 1888, 22,566 volumes and 3,719,952 pages of tracts.

It offers lesson helps, Sabbath-school papers, hymn books, &c., gratuitously to any man or woman that will organize a Presbyterian Sabbath-school, and within two months thirty-two schools have been thus organized.

It has given 1,700 Oxford Bibles since December 1st, 1887, as prizes for committing the Shorter Catechism. It has bestowed grants of books and tracts in many languages to Foreign Mission stations.

All this, and yet there are thousands of fields and millions of children and youth who ought to be reached by these Sabbath-school efforts. Its earnest call is, therefore, for money and workers.

We would recommend the following :

*Resolved*, 1. That Pastors be requested to present to their congregations the facts of the great Missionary work and needs of this Board.

2. That we urge all churches and Sabbath-school organizations to faithfully strive to bring all the children and youth under Sabbath-school training, by a thorough canvassing of every Sabbath-school district.

3. That we commend the several methods of improving the quality of the teaching in our schools as sought by Sabbath-school Institutes, Bible Correspondence School, systems of Bible Study, and training classes in individual schools.

4. As Children's Day last year brought \$30,000 into the Missionary Treasury of the Board, we urge the most careful observance of the day, both for inciting Sabbath-school interests and securing financial aid to the Board.

5. That we commend our Presbyterian lesson helps, and Presbyterian Boards, as especially fitted for the best development of our children and youth in sound Bible doctrine and broad, growing, Bible benevolence.

6. That we commend Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor as helpful and efficient aids to Sabbath-school and Church work, and urge our Pastors to review their work among the young, and seek well for the best methods and means for their religious training.

BENJAMIN S. EVERITT,  
HUGH B. MACCAULEY,  
ROBERT J. BURTT,  
J. LESTER WELLS,  
JEREMIAH BAKER,  
FRANKLIN DYE  
JOHN B. PUDNEY,

*Committee.*

XVIII.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE  
ON CHURCH ERECTION.

Of all the agencies employed by our Church to secure the solid and speedy establishment of the cause of Christ, the Board of Church Erection is second to none. The gospel may be preached and congregations may be gathered, but they will be gathered only to be scattered, unless they be speedily provided with suitable places of worship. It is a matter for thanksgiving, therefore, that the eighteenth annual report of the Board of Church Erection, presented to the General Assembly in May, contains so much that is encouraging and hopeful, and gives an account of a greater work than has been done in any previous year.

The whole amount received from all sources for the use of this Board is \$118,897.74. Of this amount the annual contributions from the churches is much less than one-half, namely—\$56,883.09. The total amount contributed by the churches of the Synod of New Jersey is \$5,812.85, or about one-ninth of the whole amount contributed by churches.

Appropriations have been made during the year to one hundred and eighty-five churches, which is twenty-five more than last year and forty-two more than the year before, showing a most gratifying increase in the dimensions of this important work. The average amount given to the churches was about \$477 to each, and the total amount distributed in this way was \$88,250.

Many of the churches thus aided would hardly have dared to go forward but for the timely aid of this beneficent agency. If we include in the estimate those churches aided by this Board through special contributions, the number 185 will be increased to 218. Thus two new church buildings were aided by this Board during about every three days of the year. Not less than \$150,000 ought to be placed at the disposal of this Board during this year, and to raise that amount our churches need to give nearly three times as much as they did last year.

Your Committee desire to call the particular attention of the members of the Synod to what is known as the "Manse Fund," by which needy churches are helped to provide themselves with manses by the loan of money without interest for the term of three years.

The creation of this Manse Fund is one of the most opportune suggestions of recent years, and what has already been done is, we believe, only the harbinger of great results yet to be accomplished.

Your Committee would call special attention to the action of the General Assembly of 1887, with reference to the matter of raising \$50,000 as a Memorial and Manse Fund. The following minute of the General Assembly is very important in this connection :

“ In view of the long and faithful services, varied and great, of the lamented Rev. Henry R. Wilson, D.D., the first and only Secretary of the Board of Church Erection—since the reunion—the General Assembly regards such services as eminently worthy of grateful recognition ; and it hereby recommends that as a suitable memorial a fund of \$50,000 be raised during the centennial year to be added to the Manse Fund and designated as the Wilson Memorial Fund.”

The centennial year produced a response of only \$4,446.65. But it is not yet too late. Nor are there any of our Synods that might more naturally be expected to do their full share toward this fund than that of New Jersey, of which Dr. Wilson was so long a faithful member. Is it too much to hope for that all our Ministers and Elders will take fresh interest in the work of this great agency, and that the year to come will see all interests of this Board grandly sustained?

J. A. LIGGETT, *Chairman.*

XIX—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE  
ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

From the Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Relief, we have received a printed leaflet, designed for general distribution among the churches of our Synod, which contains a summary of the amounts paid in and drawn out from the Treasury of the Board by the various Presbyteries of the Synod during each year, for four successive years just past. From this summary we learn that the liberality of each year is a little advance upon that of the preceding year, and that for the last two years we have not drawn out half of what we put in, thus leaving "a large surplus to help the weaker Synods," and this, "notwithstanding the large sum drawn out for the Ministers' house." But still we have 75 non-contributing churches, strange to say, 15 more than the non-contributing churches of the year previous, although the aggregate amount contributed is \$306.17 more.

The Board has not realized the million-dollar Endowment Fund as hoped for, and fears are entertained, in certain quarters, lest this effort after an endowment may react disadvantageously, for awhile, upon the annual contributions towards the current expenses of the Board. It should, however, have the reverse effect, and ultimately, we doubt not, it will. As the people become interested, in greater numbers, in the object of this beneficence, it cannot fail to commend itself to their warm sympathies, and elicit a more generous support. Its claims only need to be properly presented, that it may meet with approval; not in word only, but in larger gifts of pecuniary aid on behalf of those whom it is the loving mission of such gifts to relieve.

WM. T. FINDLEY,  
JOS. M. M'NULTY,  
*Committee.*

## XX.—REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

Your Committee on Missions for Freedmen would report as follows :

CONTRIBUTIONS.			
Presbyteries.	Amount	Increase or Decrease.	Non-Contributing Churches.
Corisco, . . . . .	\$22 00	Inc. \$4 00	0
Elizabeth, . . . . .	1,265 00	Dec. 403 00	3
Jersey City, . . . . .	869 00	Inc. 179 00	10
Monmouth, . . . . .	435 00	Dec. 4 00	11
Morris and Orange, . . .	3,058 00	Dec. 116 00	7
Newark, . . . . .	1,611 00	Dec. 150 00	6
New Brunswick, . . . .	1,493 00	Inc. 4 00	0
Newton, . . . . .	732 00	Inc. 6 00	8
West Jersey, . . . . .	467 00	Inc. 34 00	17
Totals, . . . . .	\$9,979 00	Dec. \$673 00	62
		Inc. 227 00	
		Net Dec. \$446 00	

Whole amount contributed is \$9,979, a decrease of \$446 from last year's report. It should, however, be noted that this is the aggregate as reported in the Assembly's Minutes. Nearly \$3,000 of the amount passed through other channels than the Board of Missions for Freedmen. In this connection it may be well to refer to the action of the Assembly, calling attention to "the growing disposition, on the part of those having the care of churches and schools in the South, to come North for the purpose of making personal appeals for aid," and expressing the conviction that "it would be for the best interests of the cause, more economical and more satisfactory to the Church at large, if the Board should discourage such personal efforts, and secure the aid required through its appointed agencies."

The Assembly's Minutes credit the Synod of New Jersey with a membership of 53,878. Accordingly, this Synod gave to the cause of Christian Missions, among the more than seven millions of negroes in the South, an average of 18½ cents per member, or the enormous sum of little over one cent and a half per month! When we remember that a large part, if not the greater part, of the aggregate contribution is given by a few of the wealthier and generous givers, the lamentable fact forces itself upon us that, so far at least as this particular cause of Christian beneficence is concerned, multitudes of our church members have not yet learned one of the first principles of gospel stewardship—to "remember the poor." "To

do good and to communicate forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." "Freely ye have received, freely give."

The Board of Missions for Freedmen received last year, from all sources, \$131,635—a gain over the previous year of over \$35,000, not including what the Freedmen themselves paid for the support of Ministers, teachers, houses of worship and schools, aggregating over \$24,000.

In conclusion, your Committee would repeat the ever-deepening conviction that while there may be just differences of opinion as to methods and plans for doing the work laid to our hands, no thoughtful Christian, not to say patriot, can for a moment question the tremendous obligation resting, and resting now, upon the heart and conscience of the Church with regard to this work among the colored people of the South.

ALBERT ERDMAN,  
B. T. PHILLIPS,  
*Committee.*

## XXI.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON THE BOARD OF AID FOR COLLEGES AND ACADEMIES.

At the last meeting of the Synod your Committee presented the claims of the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies most earnestly, both because of the intrinsic merit of the subject and in view of the policy of the Presbyterian Church throughout its history. She has always demanded a learned ministry, and wherever the opportunity was presented she has gladly established institutions of learning of every grade and contributed her wealth to promote education, not for the ministry alone, but for every class of the community.

The history of our Church in this country presents numerous and striking examples of this statement; and yet her people have not always been prompt enough to seize the favorable moment for new enterprises, and other denominations in these latter days have anticipated her more tardy movements. Especially is this the case in the distant West, whither the incoming tide of population has been pouring with such force and volume.

The church has not sought this work so much as it has been forced upon her by inevitable facts. Out of the very necessities of the case has sprung the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies, the youngest of those grand organizations through which especially can our church accomplish her great mission to this nation and the world.

Your Committee last year presented to the Synod the fact that this Board, by the contribution of only \$70,000, had secured buildings, land and endowments to the amount of more than \$1,000,000, more than fourteen dollars for every dollar contributed. Five per cent. is considered a good return for money nowadays; here is fourteen hundred per cent. in money; the intellectual and moral benefits are beyond price. In the five years since this Board was established the amount of the contributions from the churches to this cause has more than doubled; \$14,912 were given in 1883-84, and \$31,524 in 1887-88.

The number of contributing churches has grown from 480 to 1,865, and yet the increase in the past year has been very slight, only a little more than \$1,800 over the previous year; and the average amount contributed by each of the churches who remembered the cause was \$17. Probably no contribution, however, yielded greater proportionate results than this modest sum. What results might be achieved did each of the other 4,678 churches make even a small contribution.



Individual donations to the amount of \$10,000 have also been given, thus making the entire receipts for the year \$40,541. There have also been direct donations, chiefly from individuals, to the various institutions assisted by the Board, to the amount of \$26,417, thus swelling the total to \$68,069. With this sum nearly forty colleges and academies have been aided in no less than eighteen States and Territories, stretching from eastern Tennessee to the Pacific Ocean. The amount of property in the institutions helped by the Board at the beginning of its organization was about \$350,000, now the amount is \$1,206,766, to which the Board has contributed about \$110,000. Briefly, then, in five years this Board has been the means of strengthening and establishing thirty-six Institutions of Christian learning and securing nearly \$1,000,000 for this great cause.

In these institutions there are 3,411 students, of whom 1,120 are engaged in classical study. There are 1,324 church members, of whom 130 are candidates for the Ministry; and there have been 229 hopeful conversions in the past year.

It is a matter of thankfulness that, of the \$40,000 contributed by churches and individuals, \$4,675 were given within the bounds of this Synod. In view of the pressing need and the claims of special institutions under the care of the Board, the General Assembly trusts that individual donors will give, at least, \$100,000 in the present year to supplement the contributions of the churches.

In view of the importance of the cause, your Committee would again respectfully suggest the adoption of the following:

*Resolved*, That the Synod recommend that the Pastors and churches take up collections for the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies.

On behalf of the Committee,

HENRY C. CAMERON,

*Chairman.*

## XXII.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence respectfully report that they have collated the statistics of the contributions of the churches within the Synod of New Jersey, during the past year, so far as those statistics appear in the Minutes of the General Assembly and the reports of the Boards of the Church, and they present for the consideration of Synod the accompanying tables, with a few reflections drawn therefrom :

TABLE A.

*Amount given to each object, according to the Assembly's Minutes.*

	1887.	1888.	INCREASE.	DEC.
Home Missions, . . . . .	\$72,448	\$70,867	. . .	\$1,581
Foreign Missions, . . . . .	70,441	80,057	\$9,616	. . .
Education, . . . . .	14,003	12,842	. . .	1,161
Sabbath-school Work, . . . . .	4,386	8,958	4,572	. . .
Church Erection, . . . . .	12,950	20,419	7,469	. . .
Ministerial Relief, . . . . .	11,075	37,545	26,470	. . .
Freedmen, . . . . .	10,435	9,979	. . .	456
Sustentation (Syn. Home Mis.), . . . . .	3,681	8,524	4,843	. . .
Aid for Colleges, . . . . .	6,668	6,563	. . .	105
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Net increase, \$49,667.	\$206,087	\$255,754	\$52,970	\$3,303
		1887.	1888.	
Congregational, . . . . .		\$761,978	\$842,869	
Miscellaneous, . . . . .		53,727	65,991	

More than half of the increase which here appears is credited to Ministerial Relief, and is doubtless a portion of the Synod's contribution to the Centenary Fund. Apart from this, however, the increase is worthy of notice and encouraging. The figures for Congregational expenses and Miscellaneous contributions should receive some attention. For the past five years there has been a steady increase in Congregational expenses. During the past year we have spent upon the affairs of our home congregations more than two and a half times as much as we have given to all benevolent objects combined, while in Miscellaneous contributions we have given more than one-fourth as much as we have bestowed on our own Presbyterian agencies. Is it not possible to bring our contri-

butions somewhat nearer the amount of our Congregational expenses? The strength which we display at home ought to be manifested in our work abroad.

TABLE B.

*Synod's support of the Boards of the Church :*

	EXPENDED IN SYNOD.			
	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
Home Missions, . . . . .	\$37,583	\$37,506	\$8,074	\$1,617
*Foreign Missions, . . . . .	40,860	45,614	. . .	. . .
Education, . . . . .	5,974	5,614	4,203	4,179
Sabbath-school Work, . . . . .	4,157	5,873	1,196	946
Church Erection, . . . . .	5,623	5,812	1,400	650
Ministerial Relief, . . . . .	9,879	10,185	4,100	4,000
Freedmen, . . . . .	7,111	7,180	. . .	. . .
Sustentation, . . . . .	1,387	351	1,120	262
Aid for Colleges, . . . . .	3,111	3,455	. . .	. . .
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	\$115,685	\$121,590	\$20,093	\$11,654
†Synodical Home Missions,	8,162	11,358	3,522	12,320
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	\$123,847	\$132,948	\$23,615	\$23,974
Increase of contributions to Boards, . . . . .				\$5,905
Increase of contributions to Synodical Home Missions, . .				3,196
Total increase of contributions to our Presbyterian agencies,				<hr/> \$9,101

It is cheering to find that all the Boards, except Education and Home Missions, show a fair increase in the regular contributions of the churches. Education loses \$360. Home Missions is only a few dollars short of the amount of last year, though we have contributed so much more for our own Synodical Home Missions. And we are able to report, from the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, that up to the first of October the contributions from the Synod to that Board have been about the same as last year, while we have drawn nothing from the treasury. A few churches, not yet understanding our new plan, made contributions to Sustentation. This year it is reported that a few dollars have been sent to that department, but mainly from far-off Corisco. It is pleasant to observe that whatever may have been the contribution to the Centenary Fund the general treasury of the Board of Relief did not lose by reason of that special effort, but, on the contrary, gained \$306.

\* Woman's Boards, additional, 1887, \$22,720. 1888, \$26,666.

† From October 1st, 1887, to October 1st, 1888.

TABLE C.

*Amount given by each Presbytery to the nine objects of benevolence.*

	1887.	1888.	INCREASE.	CONTRIBUTED THROUGH THE BOARDS.
Morris and Orange, . . .	\$50,374	\$57,744	\$7,370	\$30,202
Newark, . . . . .	39,810	49,130	9,320	17,861
Elizabeth, . . . . .	31,390	43,099	11,709	20,362
New Brunswick, . . . . .	31,148	37,159	6,011	18,582
Jersey City, . . . . .	17,587	22,169	4,582	11,330
West Jersey, . . . . .	13,624	16,470	2,846	7,610
Monmouth, . . . . .	11,325	15,519	4,194	7,370
Newton, . . . . .	10,583	14,203	3,620	8,104
Corisco, . . . . .	246	261	15	169
	<u>\$206,087</u>	<u>\$255,754</u>	<u>\$49,667</u>	<u>\$121,590</u>

In the amounts contributed the Presbyteries stand in the same order as last year. Every one, according to the minutes, shows a good increase. But we again call attention to the fact that our contributions through the Boards are less than half of the whole amount reported as given to objects represented by the Boards.

TABLE D.

Blanks or failures to contribute to each Board :

	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Sabbath-school Work.	Church Erection.	Ministerial Relief.	Freedmen.	Sustentation.	Aid for Colleges.	Total Blanks.	
										1888	1887
Corisco, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17	17 dec.
Elizabeth, . . . . .	3	2	4	2	4	.	3	10	9	39	53
Jersey City, . . . . .	4	4	7	7	9	4	10	6	10	61	84
Monmouth, . . . . .	3	4	8	11	8	5	11	17	18	85	76
Morris and Orange, . . . . .	4	2	5	7	4	5	6	9	9	51	72
Newark, . . . . .	1	1	2	5	6	2	6	7	8	38	53
New Brunswick, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Newton, . . . . .	5	3	9	10	9	5	9	9	12	71	67
West Jersey, . . . . .	12	12	16	14	20	13	18	17	28	150	176
Totals, . . . . .	32	28	51	56	60	36	63	75	94	495	598

There is again a very good decrease in the number of blanks showing that there is increasing attention to the claims of all the branches of our church work on the liberality of the people. Cor-

isco shows us a good example, taking her place side by side with New Brunswick, with a contribution from every church to every Board. Possibly it is not yet clearly understood by all the churches that contributions for Synodical Home Missions are to be reported in the column for Sustentation and not under Home Missions.

In the amount of contributions the Synod stands fourth. New York gives \$791,899; Pennsylvania, \$725,101; Ohio, \$263,210; New Jersey, \$255,745; Illinois, 222,890. In average per member New Jersey is fifth; Minnesota giving \$12.19; New York, \$5.18; Pacific, \$5.07; Baltimore, \$5.03; New Jersey, \$4.74; Pennsylvania, \$4.56; Illinois, \$4.50; Ohio, \$3.41.

Reports from the Presbyteries indicate an active interest in the prosecution of the general work of benevolent giving. Elizabeth has been thoroughly canvassed, through a circular sent out by the Presbyterial Committee. The result has shown the good of a wise use of the right kind of circulars. There was no waste paper in the Elizabeth document. West Jersey reports four churches as having adopted the weekly contribution provided for in the new Chapter VI, Directory for Worship. Perhaps attention should be called to one church in that Presbytery, of 80 members, which contributes \$2,300 for home work, and \$2,500 for benevolent objects. The church has been persistently trained and taught.

So far as the Committee are able to judge from the facts and figures which have been before them, there appears to have been a good and healthy growth in the whole matter of beneficence during the year. This is abundant reason for congratulation and devout thanksgiving. But the needs of the Lord's work are still so far beyond anything that we have done, and the calls of God's providence are so loud and urgent, that the record of the year should only be a stimulus to much more earnest and devoted endeavor for the year to come. And, as always, the efficient agents in bringing all the churches nearer the Scriptural standard of giving, must be the Pastors and Sessions.

The Committee respectfully recommend the following:

1. That the Synod renewedly commends to all the churches the provisions of the new Chapter VI, Directory for Worship, now confirmed, and urges upon Presbyterial Committees, Pastors and Sessions the taking of all necessary steps to secure the hearty adoption and practice of the same.

2. That Pastors and Sessions shall carefully instruct the people to the end that their giving may be wisely and truly proportionate as well as systematic.

On behalf of the Committee,

WALTER A. BROOKS,

*Chairman.*

XXIII.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE  
ON TEMPERANCE.

The Permanent Committee on Temperance beg leave to state that they have received reports from none of the Presbyteries except Monmouth and West Jersey, and hence are not able to give as full an account of the work as they had hoped to do. In these two Presbyteries there appears to be a growing interest in the cause of temperance and the pastors of the churches as a rule have preached upon the subject, and thrown their influence for that cause. Four of the counties within the bounds of West Jersey have held Local Option elections, and three, namely, Cumberland, Salem and Gloucester, have voted for "No License." There is a very strong public sentiment in both Presbyteries against the liquor traffic, but in spite of this fact we are grieved to learn that some of the pastors and elders seem to have but little interest in temperance sermons and temperance work. As this same statement comes to us concerning some churches in other Presbyteries, we would most earnestly and most respectfully call the attention of these brethren to a few of the deliverances of our highest judicatory, as a guide for future action, and to stir up their pure minds by way of remembrance. In 1834 the Assembly said: "The traffic in ardent spirits, to be used as a drink by any people, is, in our judgment, *morally wrong*." The Narrative added: "No Christian will be able in good conscience to make, vend, or use ardent spirits as a drink." In 1865 the O. S. Assembly declared that the Church "must purge herself from all participation in the sin by removing from her pale all who are engaged in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks for use as a common beverage." As this deliverance was reaffirmed by the Re-united Church in 1871 and 1880, it is unquestionably the judgment of the Church on this subject. In 1871 the Assembly affirmed "their conviction of the reprehensible complicity in the guilt of the aforesaid traffic (manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage) of those who knowingly rent their premises for such purposes, or endorse licenses that legalize it." In 1883 the Assembly unanimously passed the following resolution: "In view of the evils wrought by this scourge of our race, this Assembly would hail with acclamations of joy and thanksgiving the *utter extermination of the traffic* in intoxicating liquors as a beverage, by the power of Christian conscience, public opinion, and the strong arm of the civil law." In 1885 the Assembly gave utterance to these words: "The *entire extinction* of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is the goal to which the Assembly looks forward, and for the accomplishment of which it expects the earnest, united, determined and persistent labors of all its ministers and

people." It seems clear, then, that as loyal Presbyterians we should be found earnestly working for the destruction of the liquor traffic, and the hastening of that day when no saloon shall be found in our land, and when none shall dare to put the bottle to his neighbor's lips.

Your Committee would recommend—

1. That Ministers be urged pointedly and solemnly to preach against the sin of intemperance.

2. That in conformity to the General Assembly's request in 1885, church Sessions be urged to give special attention to Temperance Work in the Sabbath-school.

3. That the Synod herewith expresses great pleasure at the result of the elections held under the Local Option law in Warren, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties, and exhorts its members to co-operate with other workers in all Christian methods to achieve similar success in the counties where elections have not yet been held.

4. That the following persons be elected as members of the Church Commission on Temperance to act with representatives of other Churches in this State, viz. : Rev. R. Aikman, D.D., Rev. B. S. Everitt, Rev. A. Erdman, D.D., Rev. J. Woodbridge, D.D., Elder J. B. Conover, Elder J. R. Bennett, Elder J. Y. Foster.

WM. E. HONEYMAN,  
J. G. SYMMES,  
WM. T. FINDLEY,  
WM. BOYD,

*Committee.*

## XXIV.—STATISTICAL REPORTS.

## I. PRESBYTERY OF CORISCO.

Number of Ministers, . . . . .	8
“ Churches, . . . . .	7
“ Licentiates, . . . . .	4
“ Candidates, . . . . .	7
Jan. 5th, 1888. Dismissed Rev. G. C. Campbell to the Presbytery of St. Paul.	

## II. PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH

Number of Ministers, . . . . .	43
“ Churches, . . . . .	31
“ Licentiates, . . . . .	2
“ Candidates under care of Presbytery, . . . . .	5
“ Other Candidates under care of our Sessions, . . . . .	6

## MINISTER RECEIVED FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION.

April 17th, 1888. Rev. Charles F. A. Klein, Ph.D., from Classis  
of Iowa, of the Reformed Church in America.

## ORDINATION SINE TITULO.

June 21st, 1888. George Peck Pierson.

## INSTALLATION.

April 24th, 1888. Rev. Charles F. A. Klein, Ph.D., as Pastor of  
First German Church, Rahway.

## DISSOLUTION OF PASTORAL RELATIONS.

Dec. 19th, 1887. Between Rev. Carl Theodore Albrecht and First  
German Church, Rahway.

July 23d, 1888. Between Rev. William Alfred Gay and the First  
Church of Rahway.

## DISMISSION OF MINISTERS.

Dec. 19th, 1887. Rev. Carl Theodore Albrecht to the Presbytery  
of Philadelphia Central.

March 26th, 1888. Rev. Ezra F. Mundy to the Presbytery of Gun-  
nison.



July 23d, 1888. Rev. Wm. Alfred Gay to the Presbytery of Erie.

LICENTIATES DISMISSED.

March 26th, 1888. Paul Martin to Presbytery of Omaha.

June 21st, 1888. William Long Moore to Presbytery of Champlain.

ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES.

Oct. 18th, 1887. Peter Vroom Davis.

Oct. 3d, 1888. Samuel Stanhope Davis.

DISMISSION OF A CANDIDATE.

Oct. 2d, 1888. James S. E. Erskine to Presbytery of Carlisle.

DEATHS OF MINISTERS.

March 18th, 1888. Rev. Benjamin Cory, at Elizabeth, N. J., aged 81.

July 16th, 1888. Rev. William Warren Blauvelt, D.D., at Lamington, N. J., aged 88.

SAMUEL PARRY, *Stated Clerk.*

III. PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY.

Number of Ministers, . . . . .	44
“ Churches, . . . . .	30
“ Licentiates, . . . . .	2
“ Candidates, . . . . .	15

Dec. 6th, 1887. Received Rev. Alexander M. Higgins from the Evangelical Union of Scotland as a Foreign Minister on Probation.

Feb. 7th, 1888. Received Mr. Joseph G. Snyder as a Candidate for the Ministry.

March 6th, 1888. Dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Emil W. E. Hering to the German Evangelical Church of Passaic, to take effect April 1st, and to the Church of Carlistadt, to take effect October 1st.

March 6th, 1888. Received Mr. Robert A. King as a Candidate for the Ministry.

April 17th, 1888. Received the Rev. Vernon B. Carroll from the Classis of Paramus, Reformed Church, and on May 3d installed him Pastor of the Church of Tenafly.

April 17th, 1888. Dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, D.D., to the First Church of Jersey City.

- April 17th, 1888. Received Mr. George Coulser as a Candidate for the Ministry.
- April 17th, 1888. Licensed Mr. George D. Egbert to preach the Gospel.
- May 1st, 1888. Received Licentiate William W. Weller from the Presbytery of Lehigh, and on May 15th ordained him and installed him Pastor of the Church of Hackensack.
- May 1st, 1888. Received Mr. Charles Park as a Candidate for the Ministry.
- May 29th, 1888. Organized the Church of Garfield, N. J.
- June 5th, 1888. Received Licentiate James Hall from the Manhattan Congregational Association, and on June 28th ordained him and installed him Pastor of the Church of Garfield.
- Sept. 11th, 1888. Licensed Mr. John P. H. Schweitzer to preach the Gospel.
- Sept. 11th, 1888. Dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. William Baesler to the First German Church of Paterson.
- Oct. 2d. 1888. Received the Rev. Adolph E. Wanderer from the Presbytery of Nassau, and on October 23d installed him Pastor of the First German Church of Paterson.

EDWIN A. BULKLEY, *Stated Clerk.*

#### IV. PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.

Number of Ministers, . . . . .	43
“ Churches, . . . . .	46
“ Candidates for the Ministry, . . . . .	6

- Jan. 6th, 1888. Dismissed Rev. A. L. Kelly to Presbytery of Philadelphia North.
- April 10th, 1888. Dismissed Rev. Geo. N. Makeley to Presbytery of Lackawanna.
- April 10th, 1888. Received Rev. Thomas Tyack from the Presbytery of Lehigh.
- June 6th, 1888. Installed Rev. Thomas Tyack Pastor of the Hightstown Church.
- April 10th, 1888. Received Frank B. Everitt and William L. Everitt as candidates for the Gospel Ministry on examination.
- April 10th, 1888. Dismissed Rev. Donald McLaren, D.D., to Presbytery of Brooklyn.
- April 10th, 1888. Dissolved pastoral relation between Rev. A. H. Dashiell and the Lakewood Church.

- Feb. 7th, 1888. Rev. Jesse B. Davis, D.D., departed this life.  
 May 2d, 1888. Installed Rev. Frank Chandler, D.D., Pastor of Asbury Park Church.  
 May 16th, 1888. Dissolved pastoral relation between Rev. Geo. W. McMillan and Perrineville Church.  
 May 16th, 1888. Received Rev. A. Lewis Hyde as a licentiate of the Presbytery of Baltimore. The same day ordained him to the Gospel Ministry and installed him Pastor of the Churches of Jacksonville and Providence.  
 June 14th, 1888. Dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. R. J. Kent and the Matawan Church. The same day dismissed him to the Manhattan Association of Congregational Churches.  
 Oct. 2d, 1888. Dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. C. T. Edwards and the Toms River Church. The same day dismissed him to the Presbytery of Wellsburgh.  
 Oct. 2d, 1888. Received Rev. Samuel G. Webb from the Presbytery of Chester.  
 Oct. 2d, 1888. Changed the name of the Bass River Church to New Gretna Church.  
 May 15th, 1888. Organized the Hope Church.  
 Sept. 12th, 1888. Organized the Moorestown Church.

BENJAMIN S. EVERITT, *Stated Clerk.*

V. PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.

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| Number of Ministers, . . . . . | 55 |
| “ Churches, . . . . .          | 40 |
| “ Chapels, . . . . .           | 2  |
| “ Candidates, . . . . .        | 25 |
- Oct. 18th, 1887. Received Rev. George H. Stephens and Rev. William A. Hooker from the Presbytery of Elizabeth; also, three Candidates, George Reynolds, Charles F. Richmond and Henry E. Cobb.  
 Oct. 27th, 1887. Installed Rev. George H. Stephens Pastor of the Church of Flanders; dissolved the pastoral relation of Rev. H. C. Schleuter with the Church of Pleasant Valley, and dismissed him to Presbytery of Philadelphia Central.  
 Dec. 13th, 1887. Received Rev. David Blumerfeld from Presbytery of Newark, and installed him Pastor of the Church of Pleasant Valley.

- Jan. 11th, 1888. Received Stanley White, Licentiate of Presbytery of New York, and ordained and installed him Pastor of Hillside Church.
- April 10th, 1888. Received Hillside Church, which was organized November 27th, 1887, by a committee of this Presbytery; also, accepted the resignation of Rev. B. C. Megie, D.D., of his pastoral charge of the Church of Pleasant Grove.
- June 19th, 1888. Received Rev. John McNaughton from Presbytery of North River and installed him Pastor of First Church, of Morristown; also, received Rev. Elias E. Boing from Presbytery of Columbia; received Lewis W. Paton, a Candidate for the Ministry; licensed Charles F. Richmond and dismissed him to Presbytery of Buffalo; and dissolved the relation of Rev. Thomas Heywood with the Church of Wyoming.
- Sept. 18th, 1888. Received Rev. Albert Williams from Presbytery of San Francisco, and Milton Littlefield, a Candidate for the Ministry.

B. C. MEGIE, *Stated Clerk.*

#### VI. PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.

Number of Ministers, . . . . .	48
“ Churches, . . . . .	26
“ Candidates, . . . . .	8

#### RECEIVED.

- April 4th, 1888. Rev. A. Nelson Hollifield, D.D., from the Presbytery of St. Louis, Mo. (South).
- April 4th, 1888. Rev. George A. Paull, from the Presbytery of New Castle, Md.
- April 4th, 1888. Mr. Austin D. Wolfe, as a student of Theology.
- April 24th, 1888. Rev. William F. Junkin, D.D., from the Presbytery of Charleston, S. C. (South).
- Oct. 3d, 1888. Rev. Orville Reed, from a Congregational Association, Springfield, Mass.
- Oct. 3d, 1888. Rev. F. Ernst Haussor, Ph.D., from the New York Classis, German Reformed Church.

#### DISMISSED.

- Nov. 28th, 1887. Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D., to the Classis of Poughkeepsie Reformed Church.

- Feb. 1st, 1888. Mr. David Blumenfeldt, a licentiate, to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.
- May 9th, 1888. Rev. Frederick N. Rutan to the Presbytery of New York.
- Oct. 3d, 1888. Rev. George R. Israel to the Presbytery of Waterloo, Iowa.
- Oct. 3d, 1888. Rev. William H. Scofield to the Presbytery of Hastings, Nebraska.

INSTALLED.

- April 24th, 1888. Rev. George A. Paull, as Pastor of Westminster Church, Bloomfield.
- April 26th, 1888. Rev. A. Nelson Hollifield, D.D., as Pastor of Third Church, Newark.
- May 10th, 1888. Rev. William F. Junkin, D.D., as Pastor of Montclair Church, Montclair.
- Oct. 11th, 1888. Rev. Orville Reed, as Pastor of Trinity Church, Montclair.

LICENSED.

- April 4th, 1888. Mr. William H. Scofield.

ORDAINED.

- May 17th, 1888. Mr. William H. Scofield.

DIED.

- Dec. 29th, 1887. Rev. Duncan Kennedy, D.D., in Bloomfield, in the 78th year of his age.
- June 22d, 1888. Rev. Joseph Fewsmith, D.D., in Newark, in the 73d year of his age.
- Aug. 19th, 1888. Rev. Edward H. Camp, in Newark, about 48 years old.

By order of Presbytery.

WM. T. FINDLEY, *Stated Clerk.*

VII. PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Number of Ministers, . . . . .	64
“ Churches, . . . . .	34
“ Licentiates, . . . . .	2
“ Candidates, . . . . .	35

I. MINISTERS RECEIVED FROM OTHER PRESBYTERIES.

- April 10th, 1888. Rev. Benjamin B. Warfield, D.D., received from the Presbytery of Allegheny.

- April 10th, 1888. Rev. William M. Wells, received from the Presbytery of Monmouth.
- June 26th, 1888. Rev. Thomas C. Potter, received from the Presbytery of Fort Dodge.
- Oct. 2d, 1888. Rev. John D. Davis, received from the Presbytery of Pittsburg.
- Oct. 2d, 1888. Rev. James C. Mackenzie, received from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

#### II. MINISTERS RECEIVED FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

- Oct. 18th, 1887. Rev. William P. Swartz, received from the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Synod of Western Pennsylvania.
- Jan. 11th, 1888. Rev. John H. Salisbury, received from the Reformed Classis of Greene.

#### III. MINISTERS DISMISSED TO OTHER PRESBYTERIES.

- June 26th, 1888. Rev. David B. Greigg, dismissed to the Presbytery of Baltimore.
- Oct. 2d, 1888. Rev. William P. Swartz, dismissed to the Presbytery of New Castle.

#### IV. ORDINATIONS SINE TITULO.

- April 24th, 1888. Rev. Henry M. Landis, Rev. Malcomb R. Gordon, Rev. David B. Greigg.
- June 26th, 1888. Rev. Muggerditch C. Gabrielian.

#### V. PASTORAL RELATIONS DISSOLVED.

- April 10th, 1888. Rev. Edward K. Donaldson, with Amwell United First Church.
- Aug. 15th, 1888. Rev. William L. Cunningham, with Hamilton Square Church, to take effect August 26th.
- Oct. 2d, 1888. Rev. William P. Swartz, with Trenton Fifth Church.
- Oct. 2d, 1888. Rev. Edward Snyder, with Stockton Church, to take effect January 1st, 1889.

#### VI. PASTORAL RELATIONS CONSTITUTED.

- Nov. 2d, 1887. Rev. William P. Swartz, with Trenton Fifth Church.
- Feb. 1st, 1888. Rev. John H. Salisbury, with Trenton Fourth Church.
- June 26th, 1888. Rev. Edward K. Donaldson, with Titusville Church.

July 17th, 1888. Rev. Thomas C. Potter, with Amwell First Church.

VII. CANDIDATE RECEIVED ON CERTIFICATE.

April 24th, 1888. Mr. Charles Hedges, from the Presbytery of Chester.

VIII. CANDIDATES RECEIVED ON EXAMINATION.

April 24th, 1888. Walter H. Bradley, Allan McC. Patterson, Jose M. Lopez Guillen, S. Harper Leeper, Jr., Seelye Bryant.

June 24th, 1888. Nathan S. Aller.

IX. LICENSURES.

April 24th, 1888. Muggerditch C. Gabrielian, Malcomb R. Gordon, David B. Greigg, Walter Johnston, S. Harper Leeper, Jr., William Henry Robinson.

X. CANDIDATES DISMISSED TO ANOTHER PRESBYTERY.

Oct. 11th, 1887. John M. McLeod, to the Presbytery of Prince Edward's Island.

Oct. 21st, 1887. William M. Tufts, to the Presbytery of Halifax, N. S.

June 4th, 1888. Andrew Maclean, to the Presbytery of Winnipeg.

XI. LICENTIATES DISMISSED TO OTHER PRESBYTERIES.

Dec. 13th, 1887. George B. Bell, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia Central.

April 24th, 1888. William Henry Robinson, to the Presbytery of Emporia.

XII. MINISTER DECEASED.

Feb. 26th, 1888. Rev. Cornelius S. Conkling, at Stockton, N. J. By order of Presbytery.

A. L. ARMSTRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.

Number of Ministers, . . . . .	32
“ Churches, . . . . .	37
“ Candidates for the Gospel Ministry, . . . . .	3

## I. MINISTERS RECEIVED.

- June 7th, 1888. Rev. Thomas Thompson from the Presbytery of Fort Dodge.  
 Oct. 11th, 1888. Rev. I. Davison Decker from the Presbytery of Butler.

## II. MINISTERS DISMISSED.

- Jan. 4th, 1888. Rev. Joseph Nelson to the Presbytery of Hudson.  
 April 10th, 1888. Rev. Roderick P. Cobb to the Presbytery of West Jersey.  
 June 7th, 1888. Rev. William C. McGarvey to the Presbytery of Buffalo.  
 Aug. 17th, 1888. Rev. Henry B. Townsend to the Presbytery of Fort Wayne.  
 Oct. 2d, 1888. Rev. Glenroie McQueen to the Presbytery of Rochester.

## III. PASTORAL RELATIONS CONSTITUTED.

- Oct. 13th, 1887. Rev. Francis R. S. Hunsicker, D.D., Pastor of the Church of Lafayette.  
 June 7th, 1888. Rev. Thomas Thompson, Pastor of the Church of Beattystown and of the Second Church of Mansfield.

## IV. PASTORAL RELATIONS DISSOLVED.

- April 10th, 1888. Rev. Roderick P. Cobb with the Church of Harmony.  
 April 11th, 1888. Rev. Henry B. Townsend with the First Church of Phillipsburgh.  
 April 11th, 1888. Rev. William C. McGarvey with the Second Church of Belvidere.  
 Oct. 2d, 1888. Rev. Glenroie McQueen with the Second Church of Wantage.

## V. LICENTIATE DISMISSED.

- April 10th, 1888. Mr. William H. Decker to the care of the Presbytery of Albany.

## VI. CANDIDATE DISMISSED.

- Oct. 2d, 1888. Mr. Frank G. Ellett to the care of the Presbytery of Lansing.

## VII. MINISTERS DECEASED.

- Jan. 13th, 1888. Rev. Thaniel B. Condit, at Stillwater, N. J.



- June 16th, 1888. Rev. Theodore S. Byington, D.D., at Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Sep. 9th, 1888. Rev. Frederick Knighton, D.D., at Stroudsburg, Pa.

E. CLARKE CLINE, *Stated Clerk.*

IX. PESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.

Number of Ministers, . . . . .	45
“ Churches, . . . . .	46
“ Licentiates, . . . . .	0
“ Candidates, . . . . .	5

- Oct. 18th, 1887. It dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. E. Morris Fergusson and the Church of Absecon, and on the same day dismissed him to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.  
 Oct. 18th, 1887. Received Rev. Isaac W. Davenport from the Presbytery of Newark.  
 Nov. 28th, 1887. Dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. Matthew C. Woods and the Church of Merchantville, and the same day dismissed him to the Presbytery of Chester.  
 Dec. 12th, 1887. Dismissed Rev. J. D. Randolph to the Presbytery of Chester.  
 Dec. 12th, 1887. Received Rev. Sylvester W. Beach from the Presbytery of Baltimore, and, on the 19th of December, installed him Pastor of the First Church of Bridgeton.  
 Jan. 30th, 1888. Dropped from the roll the name of the German Church of Woodbury, it having connected itself with another denomination without dismission.  
 Feb. 16th, 1888. Organized the Third Church of Camden.  
 April 18th, 1888. Received Rev. Roderick P. Cobb from the Presbytery of Newton, and May 8th installed him Pastor of the Church of Merchantville.  
 April 18th, 1888. Dismissed Rev. Isaac W. Davenport to the Congregational Association of New Jersey.  
 April 18th, 1888. Dropped from the roll the name of Rev. Lewis C. Baker, he having withdrawn from the Presbytery.  
 June 25th, 1888. Received Rev. Charles Schwartzbach from the Presbytery of Philadelphia Central.

HENRY REEVES, *Stated Clerk.*



## STANDING RULES OF THE SYNOD.

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- I.—The Synod shall meet annually, on the third Monday of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., unless otherwise ordered.
- II.—The Stated Clerk shall cause a notice of the time and place of meeting to be published in the religious papers most current in the Synod, at least three weeks prior to the time of meeting.
- III.—The officers of Synod shall be a Moderator, a Stated Clerk, who shall also be Treasurer, an Enrolment Clerk, and a Temporary Clerk.
- IV.—The Moderator and Temporary Clerk shall be elected annually, the Enrolment Clerk and the Stated Clerk and Treasurer shall hold office during the pleasure of Synod.
- V.—The election of officers shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered.
- VI.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to lay on the Moderator's table, at the opening of the Synod, a docket of business; to make and preserve a correct transcript of the proceedings of Synod; to file and preserve all important papers coming into possession of Synod; to furnish certified copies of minutes to those properly entitled to them; to conduct the correspondence of the Synod; to transmit to the General Assembly the Statistical Report, a copy of the Narrative and the records of Synod. Under his direction, the minutes of the annual meeting of the Synod shall be published, and a copy sent to every Minister, and to the Session of each vacant church.
- VII.—The Enrolment Clerk shall prepare a roll of Synod before the opening. To enable him to do this, all members shall report themselves to him on arrival at the place of meeting. The Enrolment Clerk shall also have charge of the whole subject of Absenteeism. To him reasons for absence or late attendance shall be given, and of him permission to leave shall be obtained.
- VIII.—The Temporary Clerk shall make the minutes of the proceedings from day to day, and deliver them to the Stated Clerk, on the adjournment of Synod.

IX.—The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the Synod, and render an itemized account at each annual meeting.

#### COMMITTEES.

X.—The Committees of Synod shall be divided into three classes, viz. : Standing, Permanent and Special.

##### STANDING COMMITTEES.

The STANDING COMMITTEES, to be appointed by the Moderator at each annual meeting, shall be as follows :

1. ON BILLS AND OVERTURES, seven members—four Ministers, three Ruling Elders.

2. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE, seven members—four Ministers, three Ruling Elders.

3. ON RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES, three members two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.

4. ON MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.

5. ON NARRATIVE, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.

6. ON FINANCE, two Ruling Elders.

XI.—The Committee of Arrangements shall consist of all the Presbyterian Pastors and one Ruling Elder from each church in the place where the Synod meets, together with the Stated Clerk of the Synod—the Pastor of the church in which the Synod meets to be Chairman. This Committee will provide accommodations for the Synod, suggest hours of meeting and adjournment, arrange for public services, and the persons to conduct them.

XII.—The Committee on Finance shall audit the Treasurer's accounts, and apportion to the Presbyteries the amount required for contingent expenses.

##### PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

XIII. - The PERMANENT COMMITTEES of the Synod shall be as follows :

1. ON HOME MISSIONS AND SUSTENTATION, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.

2. ON FOREIGN MISSIONS, three members two Ministers. one Ruling Elder.

3. ON EDUCATION, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.
  4. ON PUBLICATION AND SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK, seven members—four Ministers, three Ruling Elders.
  5. ON CHURCH ERECTION, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.
  6. ON AID FOR COLLEGES AND ACADEMIES, five members—three Ministers and two Ruling Elders.
  7. ON FREEDMEN, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.
  8. ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.
  9. ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.
  10. ON TEMPERANCE, nine members—one member from each Home Presbytery, besides the chairman.
  11. ON UNEMPLOYED MINISTERS AND VACANT CHURCHES, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.
  12. ON NECROLOGY, three members—two Ministers, one Ruling Elder.
  13. ON SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS, eight members—one from each Home Presbytery.
  14. ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE, eight members—one from each Home Presbytery.
- XIV.—The Permanent Committees shall each report to Synod annually, upon the matters assigned to them, and recommend suitable action to be taken by the Synod in relation thereto.
- XV.—The Necrological Committee shall present, at the annual meeting, brief obituary notices of all Ministers of Synod who have deceased during the Synodical year.
- XVI.—Each Presbytery belonging to the Synod shall send a written Narrative of the State of Religion within its bounds, to the Synod's Committee on Narrative, at least one week previous to the stated meeting of Synod.

- XVII.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered at each stated meeting of the Synod, under the superintendence of the retiring Moderator or the Minister presiding in his place, at such time and place as the Committee of Arrangements shall designate.
- XVIII.—The last two hours of the afternoon session, and the whole of the evening session of the second day of Synod's meeting, shall be devoted to the subject of Benevolence and Church Work. The Committee on Systematic Beneficence shall coöperate with the Committee of Arrangements in selecting topics and speakers for the occasion, and the said evening session shall be devoted exclusively to popular addresses.
- XIX.—All notices of, or calls for, meetings of Presbyteries or Committees, and all resolutions, shall be in writing and read by the Clerk.
- XX.—The rules for Judicatories adopted by the General Assembly shall be the rules of Synod, so far as they apply.
- XXI.—These rules may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote, but if notice of a proposed change has been given at a previous stated meeting, a majority may amend or repeal; and any one of these rules may be temporarily suspended by a majority vote.

## PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

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ELDER CHARLES A. DE WITT.

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## MODERATORS SINCE THE REUNION.

DATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.	MODERATOR.	PRESBYTERY.
June 21, 1870	Elizabeth, .	Rev. Jona. F. Stearns, D.D., .	Newark.
Oct. 18, 1870	Morristown,.	Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, D.D.,	Jersey City.
Oct. 17, 1871	Bloomfield, .	Rev. Robert Aikman, D.D., . .	Morris & Orange.
Oct. 15, 1872	Trenton, . .	Rev. Samuel Miller, D.D., . .	Monmouth.
Oct. 21, 1873	Washington, .	Rev. J. H. McIlvaine, D.D., .	Newark.
Oct. 20, 1874	Camden, . .	Rev. J. M. McDonald, D.D., .	New Brunswick.
Oct. 19, 1875	Orange, . . .	Rev. William C. Roberts, D.D.,	Elizabeth.
Oct. 17, 1876	Elizabeth, .	Rev. Thomas McCauley, . . . .	Newton.
Oct. 16, 1877	Newark, . .	Rev. E. Kempshall, D.D., . .	Elizabeth.
Oct. 15, 1878	Morristown,.	Rev. William Bannard, D.D., .	West Jersey.
Oct. 21, 1879	Trenton, . .	Rev. A. Gosman, D.D., . . . .	New Brunswick.
Oct. 19, 1880	Bridgeton, .	Rev. Charles E. Knox, D.D., .	Newark.
Oct. 18, 1881	Asbury Park,	Rev. Joseph G. Symmes, D.D.,	Monmouth,
Oct. 17, 1882	Hackettstown	Rev. Alfred Yeomans, D.D., .	Morris & Orange.
Oct. 16, 1883	Orange, . . .	Rev. E. A. Bulkley, D.D., . .	Jersey City.
Oct. 21, 1884	Elizabeth, .	Rev. S. M. Hamill, D.D., . . .	New Brunswick.
Oct. 20, 1885	Atlantic City,	Rev. Allen H. Brown, . . . .	West Jersey.
Oct. 18, 1886	Camden, . .	Rev. William Thomson, . . . .	Newton.
Oct. 17, 1887	Asbury Park,	Rev. Frank Chandler, D.D., . .	Monmouth.
Oct. 15, 1888	Asbury Park,	Rev. Kneeland P. Ketcham, D.D.	Elizabeth.



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